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FATAL FIRE



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A Maple Street resident died and two homes were destroyed in an early Monday morning fire investigators say was caused by a discarded cigarette butt.

Resident dies in early morning blaze caused by cigarette

Couple, including firefighter, lost their home as well

By Michael Harrison
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BONDSDVILLE – Investigators say they believe a discarded cigarette started the fire that engulfed one side of a Maple Street duplex, heavily damaged the other, and claimed the life of a resident early Monday.

Bondsville Fire Chief John Daniels and State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey announced their findings after the Bondsville Fire Department and firefighters from more than a half dozen other area departments responded to a call at 3010-12 Maple Street at 5:45 a.m.

“The improper disposal of

smoking materials” was cited as the cause, according to a statement Tuesday afternoon.

“The fire originated on the outside front stairs where the victim frequently smoked. There was dry mulch, leaves, and dried-up potting soil in the area where the fire started along with evidence of smoking,” the statement from the officials said.

The identity of the victim will be released by the Hampden District Attorney’s Office after formal identification by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, according to the statement.

One person who was home on the 3012 side of the duplex escaped without injury. That turned out to be Olivia Barber, the girlfriend of Bondsville firefighter Kyle Smith, who wasn’t home at the time. Barber, who escaped the home with the couple’s dog, reported the fire.

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EDUCATION

Palmer High’s Top 20 Graduates



Turley Publications photo by Deanna Sloat
An annual tradition at Palmer High is honoring the top 20 academic achievers in each graduating class. The Class of 2021’s top 20 – plus one – was honored at a May 19 School Committee meeting and are shown here wearing their medals. Pictured, here on the front steps of Palmer High School are Valedictorian Jacob Mastalerz, Co-Valedictorian Karissa Wood, Salutatorian Sasha Bernard, Amelia Bachand, Jocelyn Benard, Chelsea Bigos, Mason Brown, Joseph Chartier, Madison Cole, Olivia Coughlin, Marissa Dinelle, Tori Edwards, Kendall LeVasseur, Miyah Mega, Emma Shorette, Olivia Sloat, Aidan Smith, and Jiying Xu. Unable to attend, so not pictured were Phoebe Dela, Nicholas Silva, and Dominick Tracz.

Highest achieving students recognized at school committee meeting

By Jonah Snowden
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PALMER - During a Palmer School Committee meeting last

week, 21 high-achieving Palmer High seniors were recognized and honored.

Superintendent of Palmer Public Schools Patricia Gardner said this is one of the events that is part of PHS tradition. Each of the honored students was presented with a medal.

“Palmer has a long history of the top 20 graduates,” Gardner

said.

“We wanted to give students something they can remember. I am sure we all have gotten hundreds of certificates and many of us don’t know where those are, so we have always tried to give our ‘Top 20’ and our John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients (something to cherish). We’ve always tried to give them a remembrance

and when Mrs. North started, (the medals) being worn at graduation on their gowns and tonight, we again have a remembrance of this, for them.”

Palmer High School Principal Susan North presented medals which this year were awarded to the top 21 students. Each student,

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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

PHS Band added to the roster of participants

By Michael Harrison
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PALMER — For a hastily organized event that almost didn’t happen, the town’s Memorial Day parade seems to get better by the day.

When preparations for the parade began a couple of weeks ago in the wake of Gov. Charlie Baker’s rapid rollback of pandemic restrictions, it appeared the Palmer High School Band, sidelined during the COVID crisis, would have to sit this

one out, too. After a brief Tuesday morning phone call between Palmer Town Councilman Bob Lavoie and PHS Band Director Christopher Beaudry, Lavoie was happy to hear the band would participate after all.

Like everything else during the 14-month pandemic, however, there will be some restrictions.

“They will march, but as far as the logistics because regulations still exist, the band can’t play while they march, but they are going to perform at the ceremony after the parade,” Lavoie said.

“The Palmer High School Band is pleased with the opportunity to help represent Palmer High School while honoring our veterans at this year’s Memorial Day proceedings,” Beaudry said.

“Unfortunately, current safety guidelines prohibit our performance in the parade portion but we will be marching and the PHS Color Guard, under the direction of Theresa Watkins, will be performing their routines from this year’s half-time show! Then, at the ceremony, we will be allowed a separate area

to perform from while respecting the safety guidelines. Although this won’t be 100 percent back to normal, it will feel really good to have the town come together on Memorial Day.”

The Palmer High Band will perform traditional music, including “The Star-Spangled Banner,” “Taps,” – during the 21-gun salute in honor of the town’s and America’s war dead – and “God Bless America” to close the post-parade

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Courtesy photo

The Palmer High School Marching Band, shown here participating in a 2019 Alzheimer’s Walk event, will march in Palmer’s Memorial Day parade Monday and perform after the parade during the ceremony at 24 Converse Street (Converse Middle School).

ELECTIONS

Q&A with Monson School Committee candidates

Monson voters go to the polls 8 a.m.-8 p.m. June 8 at Memorial Hall, 198 Main Street. Anyone who would like a vote by mail application can contact the clerk’s office or go to monson-ma.gov by 5 p.m. June 2. For inquiries contact the Monson town clerk’s office at: 413-267-4115 or email townclerk@monson-ma.gov.

There are five candidates for three School Committee seats. That includes Jackie Watts Jr., who is running unopposed to serve the one year remaining on a term that was vacated. Four others – Gennie Bailey, Emily Graves-Harrison, Jeffrey Lord, and Alison Morgan – are vying for two seats with three-year terms. We asked them to respond a questionnaire by email. Here is what they had to say:



Alison Morgan
Age: 38

Occupation: Special Education Supervisor and Speech-Language Pathologist
Education: Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders, Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology.
Prior public offices held: None

Q: Other than managing COVID-related issues, what do you think Monson’s School Committee needs to focus on while preparing for the



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Emily Graves-Harrison
Age: 39

Occupation: Children Specialist at the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Education: A.S from Holyoke Community College in Criminal Justice with a minor in Deaf Studies.
B.A. from the Elms in Social Services with a certificate in Paralegal
Prior public offices held: School Committee for Monson from 2018-present

Q: This has been a challenging year for you and the rest



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Gennie Bailey
Age: 33

Occupation: Licensed Mental Health Clinician- Private practice in Hampden, MA as well as a Reiki Master.
Education: BA in Psychology from Westfield State and MA from American International College
Prior public offices held: n/a

Q: Other than managing COVID-related issues, what do you think Monson’s School Committee needs to focus on while pre-



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Jeffrey Lord
Age: 58

Occupation: Sr. Real Estate Paralegal, Real Estate Agent, Landlord
Education: Boston University, University of Massachusetts, Northeastern University
Prior public offices held: None

Q: As School Committee Chair, this has been a challenging year for you to say the least. What do you consider the best example of your leadership during the pandemic? Converse-



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Jackie Watts Jr.
Age: 48

Occupation: Springfield public schools custodian
Education: Graduated from Longmeadow High School
Prior public offices held: N/A

Q: Other than managing COVID-related issues, what do you think Monson’s School Committee needs to focus on while preparing for the 2021-’22 school year and beyond?



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New Birth Church sharing graduation joy with two young members

By Jonah Snowden
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THORNDIKE – New Birth Church Pastor Bill Webb and fellow members plan on honoring graduating high school seniors Abby Cook and Ali Heydare on June 6.

Webb said the reason why the church wanted to celebrate these longtime members is because of the lack of opportunities have to celebrate reaching this milestone due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“What we’ve been through this past year has been pretty challenging to say the least,” Webb said.

“Both of them went through a lot to accomplish their goals. We thought it would be a great thing to contribute something to them. The goal is investing in their future.”

After receiving the news of New Birth’s generosity, Cook, who is graduating from Quabbin Regional High School, said she has been part of the church family her entire life.

“I’ve been there since the weekend I was out of the hospital I was a born in,” Cook said.

“I’ve known everyone there my entire life and it definitely is like having a second family, so being able to be with them during the pandemic. Even though I couldn’t go to school or do normal things like.”

Aside from being excited to be celebrated June 6, she is also grateful for her longtime friendship with Heydare, who she did not see for a while.

“Even when see each other at church now, it’s just like I never stopped seeing him,” Cook said.

“Since my church was remote, we would only do Facebook services, so I didn’t get to see anyone for a while, but I

still remained in touch with Ali.”

Heydare, who is graduating from Palmer High School, said navigating the pandemic was hard because he was out of in-person church and school for a long time, but was grateful for the church’s generosity both toward him and Cook.

Courtesy Photo



New Birth will celebrate high school seniors and church members Abby Cook and Ali Heydare on June 6.

WALES TOWN MEETING

Voters turn down fire dept. request for new equipment

By Michael Harrison
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WALES — The fire department is not getting a new truck this year.

That was among the 26 articles decided at the May 19 Wales Annual Town Meeting held at Tantasqua High School. Article 20 asked voters whether or not to approve the purchase of a new rescue/pumper for the department at a cost of \$676,000.

With 123 voters in attendance, two-thirds were needed to approve the article. The 77 votes in favor in the secret ballot fell four short of the 81-vote threshold needed for the fire department to make the purchase.

“They’re going to ask for the fire truck again (next year),” Wales Town Clerk Leis Phinney said after the meeting.

She predicted the department would do more outreach leading up to next year’s town meeting.

“They’ll do more open houses at the fire station and try to talk about it more. Maybe do more on public access (TV),” Phinney said.

The article generating the most discussion, Article 23, which would have created a select board-appointed Open Space Committee also was denied. According to the article, the committee would have had the responsibility of coming up with an open space and recreation plan. The article cited data showing 410 undeveloped parcels in Wales totaling 4,881 acres, of which 52% are “permanently protected.”

“People somehow got the idea that if they passed it, the open space committee could tell them what to do and not do with their property, but that’s not what it was about. It’s about preservation and planning,” Phinney said.

Prior to the meeting, the town had posted information about the proposal explaining in more detail how the committee would have worked. It

would draw up “an Open Space and Recreation Plan. As the by-law is written, in addition to producing an OSRP, the Committee would keep abreast of requirements and opportunities, advocate for, and educate about, the benefits of open space. The committee would work to preserve open space resources according to the OSRP. OSRPs are informed through a public participation process and reflect the needs and desires of the community. Growth will happen; planning for it will allow the town to steer development in a way that maintains the character of the town and works to preserve natural resources in target locations,” the town’s post said.

“But once they got that into their heads, they weren’t going to vote for it,” Phinney said.



Conversely, voters did approve Article 24 giving the Board of Health authority to enforce standards on homes, buildings, and other property. It’s designed to allow the BOH to act when a property is deemed to be “filthy” or “blighted” and poses a public nuisance or health threat.

“So that was a surprise to all of us who were involved in the meeting,” Phinney said.

Another article asked voters if they wanted to place a referendum on the May 26 town election ballot that would change roads commissioner from an elected to an appointed position. That article passed.

Voters also approved several pages-long Article 25, which allows and regulates the operation of medical and/or adult-use (recreational) cannabis dispensaries in town.

The Wales Town Budget for fiscal year 2021-’22 is just over \$5 million, a less than 1% increase over the expiring fiscal year budget. Phinney said it’s still unclear whether or not the tax rate will change at all in the new fiscal year.



GINGER

Meet Ginger, who lives in Palmer. “Her name came from my granddaughter’s suggestion,” Cathy Berthiaume says. “Ginger is our diva. She does not walk on a leash well because we carry her outside to do her thing!”

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When Smith arrived home, he assisted with the fire-fighting operation, Bondsville Assistant Chief Paul Sigovitch said.

"In the end, he got there and helped and it was extraordinary," Sigovitch said.

The couple lost most of their belongings to smoke and water damage and their home is uninhabitable. A GoFundMe campaign has been set up to assist them.

"Kyle was able to retrieve some things, but not a lot," Sigovitch said.

"They were in contact with the American Red Cross, so they had a place to stay temporarily and someone offered them a place to stay, but it's rough," Sigovitch said.

The fire was jointly investigated by the Bondsville Fire Department, Palmer Police Department and State Police assigned to both the Office of the State Fire Marshal and to the Office of the Hampden District Attorney.

"It is always terribly sad when we lose one of our residents in a fire and on behalf of the Town of Palmer, I offer heartfelt condolences to family and friends," Daniels said.

"I am grateful that the working smoke alarms kept this tragedy from being worse by alerting the neighbor on the other side of the duplex."

Firefighters were able to rescue two cats from Smith and Barber's home.

"When our fire department came on-scene we were told two cats were inside," Sigovitch said. "Both needed oxygen and both were resuscitated."

Sigovitch said the construction of the duplex, with multiple pockets for hotspots to smolder made it particularly difficult to fully extinguish. In addition to Bondsville, fire departments from Palmer, Three Rivers, Ware, Belchertown, Ludlow, Wilbraham, and Monson responded, along with the Palmer Police Department and Palmer Ambulance Service. Warren's fire department provided coverage for Palmer.

There were no injuries to first responders, but they were there until early Monday afternoon.

"We could have had the fire under control a lot sooner than that, but because of the nature of the construction we had to get into (difficult to access) areas," Sigovitch said.

"Smoking is the confirmed or suspected cause of four of the five fatal fires in the month of May," Ostroskey said.

"Let's enjoy being outside, but let's not burn the house down. Use a deep ashtray or container for butts like a can with sand or water. Don't stub cigarettes out on the railing or steps and don't toss butts into dried mulch, leaves, or potted plants."

For more information, visit mass.gov/smokingfire-safety.

Want to help?

Anyone who would like to contribute to the GoFundMe for Smith and Barber can go to [gofundme.com/f/help-olivia-and-kyle](https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-olivia-and-kyle).

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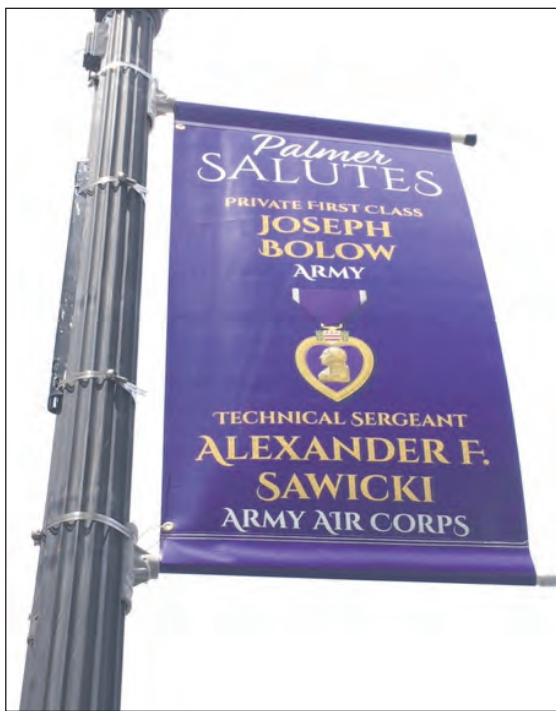
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Through the partnership of the Light Up Palmer Committee and town Veterans Agent Troy Brin, over 47 Purple Heart recipients have been honored through the Purple Heart Recognition Program with their own banner.



Light Up Palmer Committee plans on selling commemorative ornaments at the Memorial Day parade on May 31.



Turley Publications staff photo by Jonah Snowden

In downtown Palmer, multiple banners honoring Purple Heart recipients are on display.

Collaboration results in months-long tribute to Purple Heart recipients

By Jonah Snowden
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PALMER – The "Purple Heart Recognition Program" created by Light Up Palmer and town Veterans Agent Troy Brin is publicly paying tribute to residents wounded in service to their country.

Banners displayed along Main Street in Depot Village through Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, showcases Palmer as a town grateful for those who

served, Light Up Palmer Chairperson Christine Smith said.

"It's been extremely well received, by the families who are involved and the public as well," Smith said.

"We are looking forward to having a dedication on Purple Heart Day, Aug. 7. The plans are in the initial stages. We're going to invite all the families that are represented on those banners downtown."

On behalf of the committee, Smith said "it's been a heartwarming and ful-

filling experience. We had wanted to do something patriotic. Troy Brin has been instrumental in helping us put this program together. I do not think you will see this type of honor in any of our nearby towns. To see the positive response is a really wonderful thing."

Smith also thanks Robert Haveles, President of the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, for getting involved with the committee and helping get the flowers with the banners, Tailgate

Tavern for contributing to the program, and New England Woodcarvers for purchasing all of the hardware.

Smith said the committee will be selling commemorative ornaments during Monday's Memorial Day parade in Palmer.

To stay updated with the Purple Heart Recognition Program and other efforts from the nonprofit organization, visit the Light Up Palmer Facebook page.

Valley Music Showcase set for May 28

SOUTHAMPTON – May 28 will mark the resumption of Season 5 of The Valley Music Showcase. The event will be accessible on Zoom, Facebook Live and YouTube and is designed to show off the best original music talent in the Western and Central Massachusetts, Central Connecticut and Southern Vermont.

While the showcase is typically held every other month, the event will be the

first of the year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Produced by Mark Sherry, the showcase is a "Mini-Music Festival" and juried live music competition.

At each Showcase, five bands and/or solo or duos drawn from all musical genres are selected to grace the stage. They compete for about \$1,000 dollars of gift certificates and other prizes from various local sponsoring businesses.

Celebrity judges at the Showcases include well-known musicians, elected officials and other well-known business and community members.

The event will be filmed with no live audience at the beautiful Glendale Ridge Vineyards in Southampton, MA. All bands will have their own stage and use only their own equipment. The filming production will be done by Holyoke Media.

Admission: FREE! On Line Event: Zoom Access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89313620504> Also Available on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/valleymusicshowcase and YouTube Live

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Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility Update

As of June 3, 2021, the Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility will close.

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Viewpoints

We’re stronger as a country when more people vote

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

There is a fight going on over the heart of our democracy, and I worry that democracy is losing. Over the last few months, several states have moved decisively to make it harder for their citizens to vote, and more are on tap. It’s hard to tell yet whether this is just a blip or an actual reversal of the U.S.’s long trend of expanding voting access. Either way, it’s cause for attention.

The earliest moves this year came in Iowa and Georgia, which made absentee voting harder and shifted some control over election processes from elections officials to partisan politicians themselves. Florida recently cut back on drop boxes and ratcheted up ID requirements for requesting an absentee ballot. Texas’s legislature is moving forward with a bill that would hand power to partisan poll watchers, bar elections officials from mailing out absentee ballot applications and impose other limits. Ohio legislators want to limit drop boxes and reduce early in-person voting. Republican legislatures in Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming have enacted restrictions, as well.

Over the long course of American history, we’ve tended to move the opposite direction: toward expanding people’s ability to vote. Indeed, significant parts of our history revolved around who should be able to vote, since politicians always want to tilt the field in their favor. Originally, of course, the franchise was limited to white men with property. Then, over time, white men without property, Black men, women, Native Americans, non-English speakers, and citizens between the ages of 18 and 21, won the right to cast ballots.

To be sure, there are still plenty of people who are barred from voting by state laws. Some states don’t let convicted felons vote; many states deny the vote to people with psychiatric disabilities, and sometimes, poll workers impose their own competency standards, regardless of what the law says. Most states impose a residency requirement. Often, you have to have lived there at least 30 days, and though all states allow homeless people to vote, sometimes they have trouble meeting the registration requirements.

These days, the battles tend to revolve less explicitly around who should be able to vote and more around ease of voting. There is a strong argument to be made that this is just a different way of restricting the vote: Democrats made effective use of absentee ballots in the 2020 elections, for instance, so Republican legislatures have imposed limits on their use for next time, though there are states, like Florida, where absentees were a prime GOP electoral tool in earlier elections.

In general, voting rights advocates argue that making voting harder means that people who have historically turned out in smaller percentages will once again be at a disadvantage. Many people, over the course of a long career in politics, I’ve seen this first-hand, are intimidated by the voting process: showing up at a precinct, passing through a gauntlet of campaign signs and people with handouts, getting checked in, facing the prospect that they’ll be humiliated by being turned away. Without encouragement, they opt not to show up at all. There are politicians who know this and take advantage of it.

As a democracy, the United States is stronger when as many people as possible can vote and the electorate reflects the actual makeup of the population. This has two beneficial effects: it ensures that our elected representatives reflect who we are; and it helps Americans not only feel a stake in the system, but believe that their voices are represented in the corridors of power. The opposite is also true. When people feel that efforts are being made to deny their participation, they write off the process and begin looking for other ways to affect politics and policy, including taking to the streets or developing sympathy for more authoritarian approaches to governing.

It is too early to say how this year’s voting-restriction laws will turn out; many of them will likely end up in court. But even if the urge to limit voting is hardly new, it’s dismaying that, well over two centuries since our founding, it remains so pervasive.

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walked up to North and the school committee to receive a medal while audience members cheered.

Among the recipients were School Committee Student Rep., Olivia Sloat, Salutatorian Sasha Bernard, Valedictorian Jacob Mastalerz and Co-Valedictorian Karissa Wood.

“We have such high achieving students and it’s really nice to see them here today,” Gardner said.

After receiving their medals, the students left the high school library to celebrate with family and friends.



Tomato planting 101

With the quintessential frost-free target date of Memorial Day just days away, I think it’s the perfect time to encourage folks to give gardening a try. Growing tomatoes is a good place to start. First, because growing them is relatively easy and secondly, because you will be delighted with a great return for your investment of a little money and some time. No supermarket tomato could ever compare to one that is home-grown and sun-ripened.

First of all, head to the local nursery and select a plant. There are many varieties to choose from. Do you prefer slicing tomatoes, cherry or pear-shaped for salads, or meaty paste types? If you plan on growing your tomato in a patio container, it may be best to settle on a determinate or bush type that will require next to no staking and will remain tidy in its pot.

Find a spot in your yard that gets at least six hours of sun a day. Less than that and you will have more leaves than fruit. If necessary, remove existing sod to accommodate your plant(s). Tomatoes should be spaced about 18 inches to two feet away from one another. For one plant prepare a section two feet wide by two feet deep. Now, go ahead a dig a fairly deep hole. How deep depends on the size of your transplant. Since tomatoes have the ability to form roots along their stem, plan on burying one-half to three-quarters of the stem in addition to the root ball. Don’t worry; although this planting depth sounds extreme, it will be better for the plant in the long run. In my experience, a cup or two of well-rotted manure or aged compost mixed with the soil in the bottom of the planting hole along with a sprinkling of balanced organic fertilizer is all the food your tomatoes will need during the growing season.

IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

If you plan on growing your tomato in a container, choose one that is at least a foot wide and deeper if possible. Fill it 50/50 with potting soil and garden loam or compost. The blend will be lightweight and nutritious.

Tomatoes need support in the form of a cage or tall bamboo stakes wrapped with twine at regular intervals. Although your transplants may seem puny now, go ahead and install the supports at planting time. Once planting is complete be sure to give them a hearty drink. Continue to water every other day for the first week or so if nature doesn’t provide adequate rainfall. Watering at the base of the plant will direct water to the roots and keep most of the foliage dry. A good practice in disease prevention. Once the plants are established, a deep watering twice a week is all that is necessary. Mulch of some kind, be it straw, grass clippings, chopped leaves or even sheets of newspaper will keep the weeds down and conserve moisture; some say it also helps to prevent disease by preventing backsplash onto the foliage.

Often times experts recommend pruning away the suckers that form between the main stem and side shoots. If you do you will have fruit that is bigger, but in smaller quantities. Most of all, don’t worry about the rules and regulations, just do your best and have fun with your first gardening experience.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

Stand in solemn solidarity this Memorial Day

From stone walls in New York and fields in Pennsylvania, barbed wire-laden trenches in Europe to remote volcanic islands of the Pacific, jungles in Vietnam to the deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan, brave men and women have fought and died for the stars and stripes, and the ideals it represents.

Many weren’t much older than those preparing to graduate soon from Ware Junior Senior High School when they answered the Lexington Alarm from their fields, shops and homes when they answered their country’s call when conscripted for active duty service. Some never came home.

Some, like West Brookfield’s Allen Everett, were held prisoner, as he was during World War II, before being liberated and making his way home.

While many consider Memorial Day weekend the unofficial start of summer, rife with cookouts, the openings of pools and exuberant celebration, it is important to take a moment to remember the meaning of the holiday in the first place.

Memorial Day, unlike the Fourth of July, reminds the nation of those lost in defense of the nation’s freedoms. Whether it’s the freedom to assemble and speak out against a government policy, to publish a contrary opinion or to worship in the manner of one’s choosing, we all owe a debt of gratitude to those men and women who never left the battlefield.

The holiday has its roots in the aftermath of the American Civil War, orig-

inally known as Decoration Day, when Union veterans adorned the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers. Similar observances were held for Confederate soldiers. After World War I, the holiday was expanded to honor all of the nation’s war dead, but wouldn’t become a national holiday until 1971.

This weekend when folks assemble in Hardwick and Warren, or on Monday when they march in Ware’s Memorial Day Parade, the list of the town’s soldiers from the Civil War to Vietnam are inscribed on stone monuments as a reminder to the ultimate cost of freedom.

While COVID-19 kept public remembrances from being held last year, we are lucky to be able to gather and remember those we have lost and thank them for their service and their sacrifice. And for those who not yet comfortable doing so, they can be remembered privately with the same gratitude.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.

Now it as important as ever that we should spread the word of their service and act to advocate for critical benefits for those who make it home. We should both encourage and listen to the stories of veterans, whatever they choose to tell. And we should do this every day so as not to forget their sacrifices.

Quotes and notes for Memorial Day

As Memorial Day approaches, families and friends are posting memorable and meaningful quotes and notes honoring loved ones who served in the military, and gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

Often quotations simply state what someone has significantly and succinctly written. Quoting those exact words expresses our thoughts and the original author is acknowledged. However, there are times when, even with research, the quest for the quote results in: “Author Unknown.”

Picture this: an outstanding quote overlays multiple rows of the dog tags from different eras, worn by our United States servicemen and women. Its riveting message has shocking contrasts. Unexpectedly a gem of truth lies within less than 25 words. That singular, poignant sentence uses the words “precious metals.” And, our minds usually conclude: gold, platinum and silver. Right? But, no, the “priceless metals” message resonates deeper.

Grabbing your complete attention, the poignant statement captures your breath:

“The most precious metals on earth are the Dog Tags of our warriors who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our country’s freedom.” Author Unknown.

During our country’s Civil War (1861-1865), identifying that war’s casualties, amounting in the hundreds of thousands, became overwhelming. In 1906, Medals of America research indicated that the U.S. government decided that circular, imprinted aluminum discs would be worn as identification tags. By 1913 each of the military wore a half-dollar-sized disc, as a means of identification, around their necks, with the name, rank, company, regiment or corps.

Through World War I (1914-1918) Dog Tag issuances were protocol. In World War I (1939-1945) a new design, was issued in a rectangular shape. Notably during World War II, the nickname “Dog Tags” was officially adopted. Later, during the Vietnam War (1955-1975), the dog tags were also tied in boots. Today, dog tags are made of stainless steel and are still a significant part of the military requirements. (Source: Medals of America)

Several other Memorial Day noteworthy quotes also remind us of “The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier” in Washington, D.C. that is honored daily. The following quotes are by “Unknown Authors.” Each one arouses a soul-stirring response:

“Home of the free because of the brave.”

“We don’t know them all, but we owe them all.”

And, especially this Memorial Day weekend, when we see the American flag, may this quote be among the ones you remember and treasure:

“Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it.”

God bless America and all those who fought and sacrificed their lives for our freedoms.



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For more information, call editor Michael Harrison at 413-283-8393.

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As pandemic subsides, Palmer Library reopens, goes fine free

By Kimberly Palmucci
Correspondent

PALMER — The Palmer Public Library will officially re-open to the public on Tuesday, June 1, and will also be going “fine free” in order to make library services available to every member of the community.

“This will be the first time in over a year that a member of the public has set foot inside the library,” Palmer Library Assistant Director Matthew DeCara said.

The library closed due to the pandemic in March of last year. Since then, the library has offered many virtual services and curbside pick-up, but nothing replaces the element of “walking in and seeing a friendly face,” DeCara said.

“We very much think of the library as a community center. It’s exciting to see the finish line on this whole awful chapter that we’ve all just been through.”

For safety reasons, certain in-building activities will be limited. In order to more effectively

distance computer users, only half of the library’s computers will be in use, DeCara said. Meeting rooms will not be available and no in-person programming will be held inside the building until further notice. Curbside pickup will continue with extended hours, and delivery service will continue with no changes. Visitors are asked to wear masks, and library staff will be wearing masks as well.

“We’re going to continue offering curbside pickup and delivery service for patrons who’d prefer not to come into the building right now (or who just think it’s convenient),” DeCara added.

In addition to its upcoming reopening, the library will also be going “fine free,” meaning no items will accrue late fees from this point forward.

Going fine free has been discussed since 2017, when the library held its inaugural “fine free summer.” DeCara described the summer as “very popular” and a lot of overdue items were returned, with visitors excited that they didn’t have to

worry about fines.

Since then, the library moved to “fine free” for children’s and teen’s items.

Now, everything is fine-free. “There are a lot of advantages,” DeCara said.

“The main thing to us is that we provide access to [library services] to everybody across the board. The reality is that a .50 cent fine means a lot more to some people than it does to others, and we don’t want people to feel like they can’t use our resources or feel like they can’t come back.”

DeCara added that research and a library survey revealed that many visitors would avoid coming back to the library because of fines.

“That’s not what we want. It’s about making the library available to everybody in our community,” he said.

Library visitors who may have an overdue item in their possession are invited to drop off the item, no worries and no questions asked.

The library will be reopening with its regular summer hours,



Courtesy photo

Palmer Library staffers Amy Golenski, Matthew DeCara, Bridget Kennedy, Dan Meadow, Rich Clark Jr., and Ashley Ngan are ready to welcome the public back into the building.

which are: Monday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.;

Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For the latest library updates,

visit palmerlibrary.org or find the library on social media on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Mass. Senate gives final approval to Holyoke Soldiers’ Home Bond Bill

Legislation includes additional bond authorization for community- and home-based care services

BOSTON – The Massachusetts State Senate last week unanimously gave final legislative approval to a bill authorizing \$400 million in bonds for the design and construction of a new soldiers’ home facility in Holyoke.

The bill, which passed the Massachusetts House of Representatives earlier in the week and now moves to the Governor for consideration, also authorizes the issuance of \$200 million in bonds to increase geographic equity and accessibility related to the continuum of long-term care services for veterans across the state.

“I would like to thank President Spilka and Speaker Mariano for your leadership and congratulate my colleagues on the conference committee, for their hard work and dedication on this important issue,” said Sen. Anne Gobi, a member of the legislative Special Commission studying the COVID-19 outbreak that took place at the Holyoke Soldiers Home and a former vice chair of the Joint Committee on Public Service.

“I am pleased that we have au-

thorized this bond bill to construct a new facility befitting the veterans we are hoping to serve, ensuring the highest quality care for them in the future.”

Senate President Karen E. Spilka said “The Senate will always lead in its efforts to support the brave men and women who have served. Veterans of all generations deserve a facility that meets their growing physical and mental health needs, and this legislation provides a blueprint for those efforts.”

The Mass. Legislature’s work isn’t over when it comes to the Soldiers Home, she said.

“More reforms are needed to help increase access to care in our communities for our veterans and I am committed to making that happen,” Spilka said.

“I want to thank the Senate and House conferees, House Speaker Mariano and my legislative colleagues for their hard work and swift action in seeing this important measure through.”

The existing soldiers’ home in Holyoke was built in 1952 with many triple- and quadruple-bed rooms. Those capacity and facility issues became clear last year as the highly contagious COVID-19 virus spread throughout the home leaving more than 70 veterans dead.

The bill passed by the Legislature will advance the construction of a modern facility with a “small

house” concept to meet the needs of future generations of veterans. To further meet the needs of veterans in all corners of the Commonwealth, with an emphasis on those areas not primarily served by the soldiers’ homes in Chelsea or Holyoke, the \$200 million in bonds authorizes the establishment of regional or satellite veterans’ homes as well as new or expanded supports for community-based care services and home-based care services.

The \$200 million for geographic equity was added to the bill by the Senate after passage by the House and maintained by the conference committee.

In passing the \$400 million bond authorization for a new soldiers’ home in Holyoke, Massachusetts is eligible to receive up to 65% in federal reimbursement through the Veterans Affairs State Home Construction Grant Program.

The bill includes Project Labor Agreement language that mandates a pre-bid, pre-hire labor agreement for the construction of the new facility in Holyoke, which will ensure that the workforce is local, diverse, inclusive, well-trained, safe and skilled. Historically, such agreements on large taxpayer funded projects result in the completion of construction on-time and on or under budget.

The legislation now goes to Gov. Baker’s desk for approval.

Baker files legislation to extend some COVID emergency measures

BOSTON — This week, Gov. Charlie Baker will file legislation to extend certain emergency measures in place via executive orders that are set to expire on June 15 when the State of Emergency will be rescinded, his office said.

Most restrictions, including limitations placed on businesses, will be rescinded effective May 29 as Massachusetts nears the goal of vaccinating four million residents.

This legislation proposes to extend measures providing for a temporary suspension of certain open meeting law requirements, special permits for expanded outside dining at restaurants, and billing protections for COVID-19 patients. When the State of Emergency ends, these orders will expire, and temporarily extending these measures will allow for time to transition.

Extending these measures, which were instituted by executive order, requires legislation.

To allow public bodies to safely meet during the pandemic and ensure public access to meetings, Baker issued an executive order in March 2020 allowing these bodies to meet quorum requirements even if meetings were held remotely through electronic means as long as measures were taken to ensure the public with electronic access to the proceedings. The bill seeks to

extend these provisions related to the Commonwealth’s Open Meeting Law until Sep. 1, which will allow additional time to consider possible permanent changes to the open meeting law to provide for greater flexibility in conducting open meetings through reliance on electronic streaming and similar measures.

The bill will also grant municipalities authority to extend special permits for restaurants offering outdoor dining issued under the State of Emergency through Nov. 29. Under an executive order issued in 2020, municipalities were permitted to use an expedited process to approve temporary permits for new or expanded outdoor dining and alcohol service. Without a legislative extension, special permits granted under the Governor’s Order will expire 60 days after the end of the State of Emergency.

The legislation will also extend a protection adopted in an executive order that prohibits medical providers from billing patients who have received COVID-related emergency and inpatient services for charges in excess of costs paid by their insurers. As filed, the protection would extend until Jan. 1, 2022, at which time recently passed federal legislation that included protections for both emergency and non-emergency cases

will become effective. Earlier this year, Baker signed legislation establishing surprise billing protections for patients for non-emergency services.

“Massachusetts is leading the nation in the vaccination effort and that progress is enabling the Commonwealth to return to normal,” Baker said.

“These temporary measures will help businesses and residents in this transition period, and I look forward to working on these and other issues in the week ahead with our partners in the Legislature.”

Last week, Baker announced that on May 29, all industries will be permitted to open.

With the exception of remaining face-covering requirements for masks in public and private transportation systems, hospitals and other facilities housing vulnerable populations, all industry restrictions will be lifted at that time, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries. The gathering limit will be rescinded.

Before June 15, the administration plans to take additional steps that will permit the continuation of targeted public health measures beyond the end of the State of Emergency, including the mask requirements announced last week.

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ceremony.

Noah Lis will be set up early at 24 Converse Street, where the parade route ends, entertaining anyone looking to stake out a spot.

Lavoie said he has a pretty good idea of local groups represented in the parade but the list could still be growing.

“We’ve got some classic cars coming, Scouts, Little League

baseball, all the fire departments, and Palmer Ambulance,” he said. “And (PHS Principal) Sue North said there could be some chorus members and they might have the seniors march and that would be awesome if they all do. At this point, we just have to confirm logistics and figure out who goes in what order.”

Enhancing the patriotic flair

will be an approximately eight by 12-foot American flag Mass. House Rep. Todd Smola is bringing to the event.

“He grew up here and went to all the local schools,” Lavoie said of Smola.

The town was on the verge of shelving the parade for a second consecutive year because of the pandemic and was planning to go ahead with a quieter ceremony to pay respects, but residents started asking council members to reconsider.

“I’m extremely impressed. It was a groundswell from the public,” Lavoie said.

“It came together really quick because people in town were ringing our phones saying ‘this isn’t on Charlie Baker – we want a parade! Have a parade.’”

So, they’re having a parade.

To the brave men and women who have sacrificed to protect the security and integrity of our great nation, go our deepest respects and undying gratitude. They will live forever in our hearts and prayers.

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Want to go?

Palmer’s 2021 Memorial Day parade will begin forming at 10:30 a.m. on Lawrence Street with the procession taking off at approximately 10:45 a.m., heading down Thorndike Street to Converse Street and the old middle school, where the parade will wrap up at around 11 a.m.

A memorial service for the country’s war dead will follow.

Masks are no longer required outdoors for those who have been vaccinated, according to new CDC guidelines, but unvaccinated people are still expected to wear them. Social distancing is still part of the guidelines for anyone unvaccinated, even outdoors.

Stay connected with the Journal Register on Facebook, where we’ll post any important changes and notable additions to Monday’s Memorial Day event.

Brimfield holds Memorial Day services, parade May 30

BRIMFIELD — The Town of Brimfield will hold its annual Memorial Day services at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 30, on the Town Common.

The committee extends a special invitation to all area veterans, enlisted service members and reservists to join us so that we may recognize and honor them for their sacrifice and service.

Ceremonies will begin with the drum roll and the veterans call to order as they process in. The ceremony will feature the remembrance of current and former town residents who have passed in the last year with a roll call followed by the ringing of the historic Town Hall bell. Frannie Watson will sing the national anthem, and sixth-grade students Colin Marquis and Braeden Campbell will read the Gettysburg Address and a poem. Starr Norman-din will have the honors of raising the flag later at the cemetery. Brimfield’s history buff Mike DeFalco will speak, state Sen. Anne Gobi and state Rep. Todd Smola will share brief remarks.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the parade will immediately form on North Main Street. The parade will follow the procession of flags. Veterans and military personnel will march, and there will be a wagon for veterans and others who want to join the parade but are unable to walk the route, provided by Village Green Campgrounds.

The Brimfield Fire and Police department will participate as well as the local Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troops 7 and Girl Scouts who have helped prepare for the day with the planting of flowers and flags at the soldiers graves. Per custom, all are encouraged to fall in behind the regiments and join in the parade. Children are invited to patriotically decorate their bikes and doll carriages.

The parade route stops at the cemetery and two war monuments in town with a brief ceremony at each that includes an invocation, a ceremonial gun salute honoring the deceased veterans, laying of wreaths, raising the flag and the playing of Taps. Also, at the cemetery red carnations will be placed on veterans graves.

Following the parade, all who marched are rewarded with Hoodsie ice cream cups. Everyone is invited to join this day of remembrance in honor of those who have sacrificed their lives for the country.

Everyone is asked to observe any COVID-19 pandemic guidelines in effect on May 30 in accordance with Gov. Baker’s orders.

Ware’s Memorial Day ceremony, parade set for May 31

WARE – The town’s Memorial Day parade will step off from the American Legion on Maple Street on Monday, May 31, at 1 p.m., and continue to Veteran’s Park on Main Street for a brief ceremony. It is recommended that all health guidelines set by the state and the town of Ware be followed. Masks and social distancing are recommended, as well as the help of those who attend to make this a safe and successful event. All veterans are encouraged to march in the parade to honor the veterans who have gone before. The parade marshal this year is retired Major Francis “Butch” Moran and the speaker will be retired Sgt. Major Francis Bateman.

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In the classroom

Local pre-schoolers get a hands-on lesson about therapy dogs



Staff members from the Hampton County Sheriff's Department stopped by Monson's Early Childhood Center to educate preschoolers and kindergartners about therapy dogs.



After Xito was introduced, the kindergartners were split into small groups and were given the chance to pet the therapy dog.

By Jonah Snowden
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MONSON – Students at the Early Childhood Center had the opportunity of seeing and learning more about the Hampton County Sheriff's Department's Therapy Dogs last week.

Therapy dogs Xito and Molly stopped by with their handlers May 18-19 to explain to the students about the dogs' responsibilities while they work and how they assist the department's operations. Therapy Dog Trainer Nina Valentino introduced Xito to the class, along with handlers Joel Wun and Steph-

anie Fahey.

Valentino told the class their dogs are present to "make people feel happy."

"That's all they do," Valentino said. "It's their main job."

After Wun, Valentino, and Fahey finished introducing Xito, students went into small groups and took turns petting Xito.

Valentino said the reason they stopped by to introduce therapy dogs is because of the department's mission to fulfill the needs of all schools that reach out to them.

"I think our dogs do bring a lot of happiness and a bright spot to the kids and even the staff," Valentino



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Kindergartner Caleb Houghton was given a chance to hold Xito's leash.



One of the Hampden County Sheriff's Department's therapy dogs, a 10 year-old German Shepherd.

said.

"Whenever we're able to fulfill a request, we try to make ourselves available as we can to the community."

Early Childhood Center Dean of Students Colette Bidus, who was also happy for the sheriff's Department's two-day visit, said it was a chance to cheer up the kindergartners and preschoolers. "It's been such a difficult year for all of the kids and staff," Bidus said.

"We felt like this would be a really great opportunity to bring some happiness and joy."

Pathfinder students help give vehicle new life

By Melina Bourdeau
Staff writer

PALMER – From one department's vehicle to another, Pathfinder Regional Technical High School students were able to transform a Ford Explorer from a police vehicle to one of the newest additions to the Belchertown Fire Department's fleet.

Belchertown Fire Captain Robert VanZandt, who is also a graduate from Pathfinder, said this one of several vehicles the department has had worked on by the automotive students.

"We're using the vehicle for administrative uses, training, and some emergency response," said VanZandt.

Rather than purchasing a new vehicle, the department purchased the vehicle for its trade-in value from the police department.

Students repaired rust, installed rear seats, painted the vehicle and other repairs to the 2014 Ford Explorer.

Pathfinder automotive teacher Craig Sankey said the students get the opportunity to give back to their communities.

"Our towns are responsible for our budgets, and we want to give back to them. It's important for students to get this hands on learning experience, too," he said. "This year with COVID, it's make the timing (of the project) tough, but we persevered. It's been good to be in the shop for the year...This is one of the bigger projects."

He said while the program can't guarantee a project will be done immediately, they can make sure it's done well.

"We make sure there is a quality product that is going to



Photos by Melina Bourdeau
(From right to left) Colton Hudon, Joseph Kwasniewski, Jacob Tower, Dominic Butryn and Colby Hudon were students that worked on a recent Belchertown Fire Department vehicle. Richard Eckhart and Thomas Kokoski also worked on the project.

reflect the professionalism and industry standard," Sankey said. "They're proud of what they do and we strive to be that way. Anyone can teach shortcuts, but we teach the way that quality work should be done."

He estimated the project took about 50 to 60 hours to complete by a group of about eight students.

Pathfinder students Colby Kokosa and Colton Hudon were among the students who worked on the project, which they deemed

"stressful."

"One of the things that was stressful was having the time to get this done," said Hudon. "My sophomore year we worked on a Belchertown police vehicle, so this wasn't my first time working on a project like this."

His classmate echoed his point.

"I'm from Belchertown, so I know this is something I'm going to see every day," said Kokosa. "I'm glad it was done in time."



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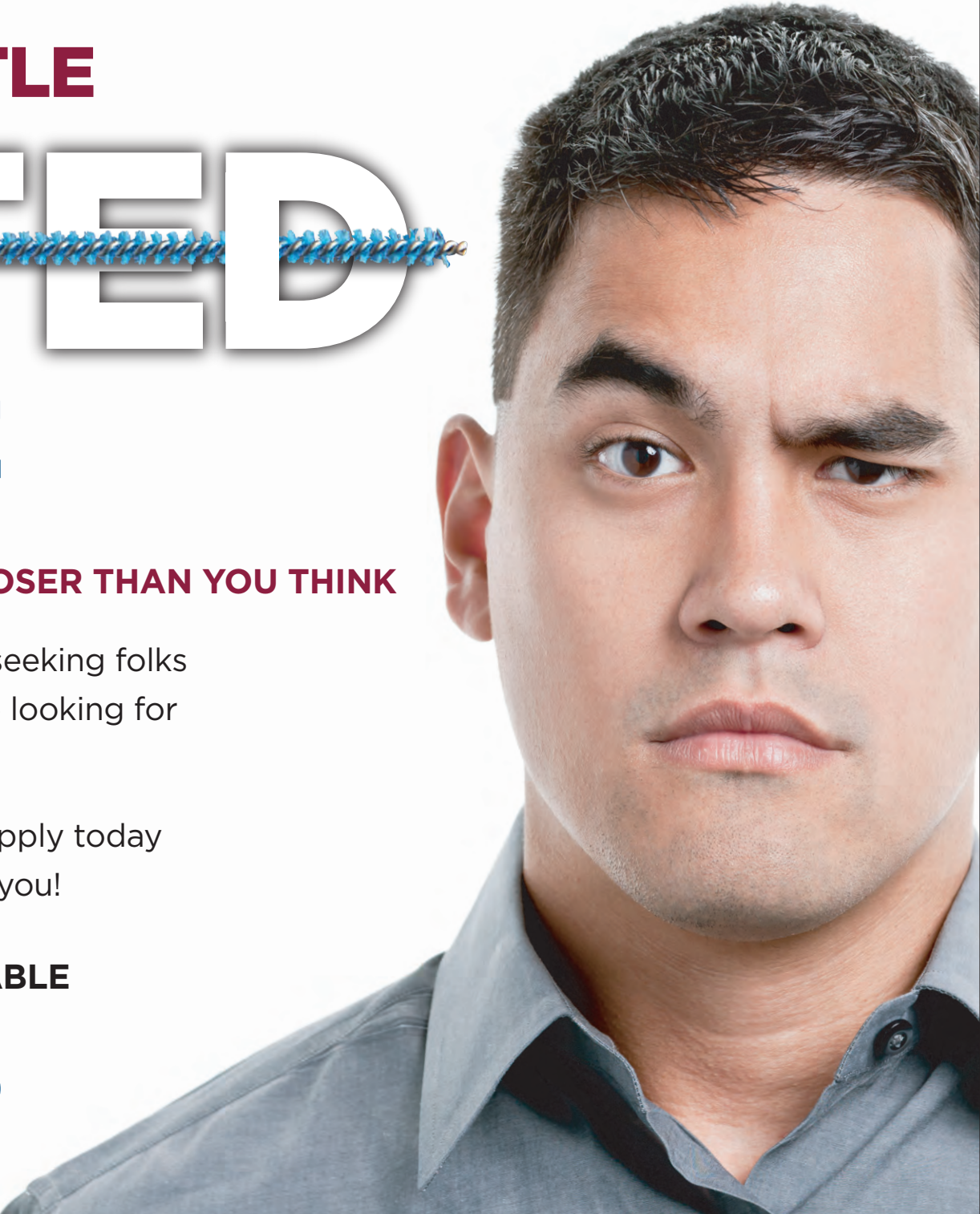
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Mustangs' offense overwhelms Pathfinder

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—After losing three games in a row to McCann Tech, Springfield Central and Chicopee, the Monson boys lacrosse team made the trip to Pathfinder Regional looking to get back into the win column.

The Mustangs, who built a double-digit lead during the second half, cruised to a 15-4 road win over the Pioneers on a sunny and warm afternoon, last Friday.

"It feels great to get back into the win column again," said first-year Monson head coach Conor Quinn. "We've faced a couple of tough teams recently, but all of the players have been working very hard. It was a total team effort in today's game."

Monson entered this week's action with a 3-4 overall record. The Mustangs other two victories this spring came against the Granby Rams.

Pathfinder, who squeaked out a 4-3 home win versus Granby on May 14, had a 1-5 record following the home loss.

"We always want to win every game that we play, but it was nice to beat Granby in a close game last week," said first-year Pathfinder head coach Mike Himes, who's a horticulture teacher at Pathfinder. "Everyone did their best in today's game."

The warm temperatures were a factor for both teams, especially during the second half.

The Pioneers suffered several injuries and only had nine players on the field for most of the fourth quarter. Himes came very close to ending the game early, but his players wanted to keep playing.

"We had a couple of injuries and we were a man down in the fourth quarter," Himes said. "It's very difficult to play a lacrosse game on a hot afternoon."

A total of three Mustangs players recorded a hat-trick in the road victory.

Senior attack Joe Angelica led the way offensively for the visiting team with six goals and two assists.

The duo of junior attack Nick DiSanti and sophomore attack Cole Stevens each scored three goals.

"Each time two or three players had a hat-trick, we usually win the game," Quinn said. "We do have a bunch of scorers on this year's team."

DiSanti also had a team-high three assists, along with junior mid-fielder Jason Angelica.

Stevens and Joe Angelica each scored a pair of goals during the opening quarter giving the Mustangs a 4-0 lead.

After both teams switched

sides, the Pioneers ended the Mustangs shutout hopes following an unassisted goal by sophomore attack Max Sanderson 31 seconds into the second quarter.

With 10:26 remaining in the

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Max Sanderson holds the ball away from the defense.



Nicholas Disanti gets ready to fire a pass.



Cole Stevens receives a pass from the outside.



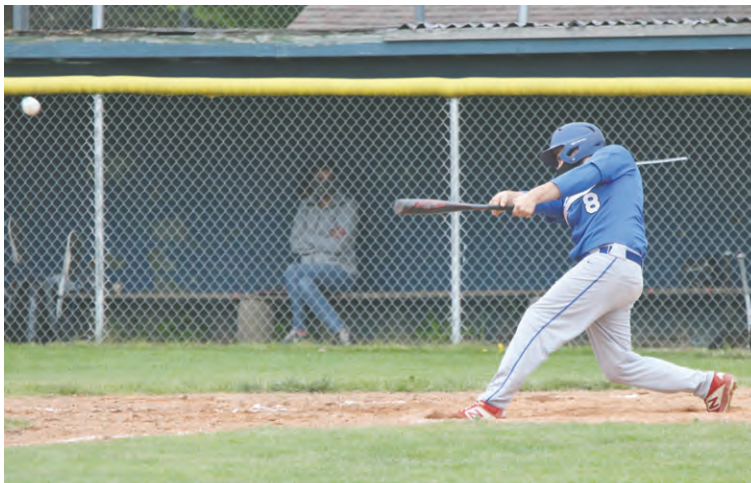
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Martin Finnegan holds the ball back while looking for an open teammate.



Lee Morse rushes up the field.

BASEBALL



Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Tim Casavecchia socks a base hit for the Panthers.

Palmer baseball action

PALMER – Palmer baseball has not had as many games as some of its counterparts, but the schedule is picking up in the next couple of weeks with the Panthers set to face Granby and St. Mary's in a period of three days. Palmer is 1-3 so far this season after recently suffering a loss against Monson. Palmer's only win so far was an 8-0 triumph over St. Mary's early in the season.



Chance Lee throws to first to get an out.



Pitcher Michael Mayberry works in the third inning for Palmer.



Tim Casavecchia makes an over-the-shoulder catch on a tough pop-up to second base.



Outfielder Anthony Ukrainets fields a base hit to right.



Kevin Hess reacts to a ball hit up the middle.

SOFTBALL

Palmer, Ware battle it out in slugfest

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—An old fashion slugfest is probably the best way to describe the first meeting in two years on the softball diamond between archrivals Ware and Palmer.

The Lady Indians players enjoyed their bus ride home following a 25-21 victory over the Lady Panthers under the lights at Slesinski Field in Palmer, last Thursday night.

"Tonight's game was definitely a slugfest. There was a lot of hitting, which is always a lot more fun for the players than having a bunch of walks," said first-year Ware head coach Charlene Valle. "We could never put Palmer away and they never gave up."

Valle and Palmer head coach Heather Korzec have been friends since in the early 2000's. They used to coach softball against each other at the junior varsity level. Last Thursday's game was the first time that they met as varsity coaches.

"It was nice coaching against Charlene for the first time at the varsity level," Korzec said. "I never expected this many runs to be scored in tonight's game."

The two varsity coaches are also teammates on the same women's softball team this spring.

"Heather and I have been playing on the same softball teams for the past 15 years," Valle said. "It was a lot of fun playing against someone who challenges you and makes you have to think about what you're doing during the game."

The two teams combined for a total of 37 base hits.

The Lady Indians (4-3), who had 22 hits, were led offensively by senior first baseman Chelsea Orszulak, who finished the game five base hits and six RBIs. She had two singles, two doubles, and a triple before suffering an ankle injury in the top of the seventh inning.

"Chelsea sprained her ankle, but I think she'll be fine in a couple of days," Valle said. "She's been a

really stronger hitter for us this season."

Senior third baseman Elisha Crump, senior shortstop Aidyn Welsh, and eighth grader Abby McQuaid, who was the starting pitcher, had three hits apiece for the visiting team.

"We've been struggling hitting during our past couple of games," Valle said. "Hopefully, tonight's game will give us a little bit of confidence. Everyone chipped in offensively."

Welsh, who scored her 1,000th career point on the basketball court this past winter, scored a team-leading six runs.

Senior second baseman Norah Ayers and junior first baseman Emma Emanuel each had two hits for the Lady Indians.

McQuaid was the winning pitcher. Twelve of the 21 runs that she allowed were earned runs. She also gave up 15 base hits in seven innings.

The losing pitcher was Palmer

sophomore Ashley Bransky, who went 5 2/3 innings. She allowed 21 runs (10 earned runs) on 20 hits. She was replaced in the circle by senior Madison Cole, who allowed four runs on just two hits.

Cole, who started the game at second base, led the home team offensively with three hits and six RBIs.

The trio of senior first baseman Avery Labonte, senior catcher Jillian Lombardi, and junior DP Nathalie Orellana-Lopez had two hits each for the Lady Panthers (0-4).

Senior Miyah Mega, only had one hit, which was a triple, but she scored four runs. Labonte also scored four runs, while eighth grade left fielder Jayda Pardo scored three times.

Palmer's previous game at Granby was suspended in the fourth inning due to rain. When that game is resumed, the Lady Panthers will have a 14-2 lead.

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Buffone picks up another win at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Teen sensation Cam Curtis stayed red-hot Saturday, May 22, at Monadnock Speedway, storming to his third Late Model Sportsman feature win in a row. This one was special.

In the Modified main, veteran star Todd Patnode scored his first victory of the young season. Street Stock ace Chris Buffone earned his third 2021 victory lap, Mini Stock ace Ray King used his second win to move all alone to the top of the points parade, and Nick Houle rocked the Pure Stocks for his first win this year.

Young Gun Aaliyah Tacy made her own memories Saturday on the high banks, earning her first career victory.

It was only a year ago that someone dominated the LMS field like Cam Curtis is doing right now at Monadnock. That someone was, of course, Aaron Fellows. But while the Croydon star was 40 and had more than two decades of racing experience under his belt, Curtis is only 15.

Cory Plummer and Robert Hagar led the 23-car LMS lineup to the green as the 52-lap Dean Smith Memorial event got underway. Plummer led lap one but was then dumped from the point, with Exeter, N.H. hot shoe Frankie Eldredge then taking charge on the ensuing restart.

With a \$1,300 winner's purse and lots of lap money up for grabs, Eldredge kept the cash coming in for the next 23 laps, but Curtis, then done with conserving his tires, rocketed to the front, dominating the final 28 go-rounds to top the prestigious Smith Memorial event.

The win helped Curtis expand his points lead after four nights of racing. Eldredge completed his strong night's work in second, while Austin Brehio's race-long



Todd Patnode picked up the win last Saturday night in the modified race.

solid performance netted him third on the night.

There was no full moon Saturday looking down on Monadnock Speedway, a fact perhaps misunderstood by a portion of the Modified field. It took six cautions to get their 40-lapper completed.

Todd Patnode, charging from row six, took the lead from Kimmy Rivet on lap 19 and sailed off to his first win of the season. Cory Plummer passed Tyler Leary with the white flag in the air to come home second.

Street Stock powerhouse Chris Buffone edged past Tim Wenzel on lap ten and then held him in his shadow the rest of the way to score his third 2021 victory. With Wenzel strong in second, two-time 2020 winner Hillary Renaud came home third.

A week ago, Mini Stock rockers Gordon Farnum and Ray King sat on row five, with Farnum then blasting to victory. This week, with the potent pair now tied atop the points parade, they again started side-by-side in row five.

This time, it was King scoring the easy win. Cody Leblanc – all the way from Bethlehem, N.H., more than three hours away – was strong in second, and Kevin

Cormier came home third. Farnum finished sixth on Saturday.

Pure Stocker Nick Houle finished off his impressive weekend by winning Saturday's 25-lapper. Third the night before at Claremont, Houle went tooth-and-nail with JD Stockwell over their last ten trips around the high banks to score the win.

Stockwell, rock solid all night, earned the runner-up hardware, with Kyle Robinson Newell impressive in third, just ahead of division strongman Chris Davis. Chris Higbee rounded out the top five after leading the first 15 laps.

Aaliyah Tacy kept Fast Eddie Petruskevicius in her shadow all the way to score her first-ever Young Guns victory. Teagan Edson was third under the checkers in her first career race.

Next Saturday, May 29, Monadnock Speedway will celebrate Memorial Day weekend with a special Teddy Bear Pools Street Stock 50-lapper, NHSTRA Modifieds, and much more. Post time is 7 p.m.

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YOUNG GUNS: Aaliyah Tacy, Eddie Petruskevicius, Teagan Edson, Jeff Moffat Jr., Eddie Gomarlo.

Athlete of the Week

Tim Casavecchia
Palmer High School

The Palmer second baseman made an outstanding play in Palmer's recent win over St. Mary's, making a tough over-the-shoulder grab to end an inning.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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first half, Joe Angelica scored his third goal of the match.

Two more goals by DiSanti gave the visiting team a 7-1 lead less than two minutes later.

Then Pathfinder junior attack Cody Ferus pushed a groundball

into the cage past Monson junior goalie Scott Kustra (4 saves).

The Mustangs held a 10-2 halftime lead following two more goals by Joe Angelica and another one by sophomore midfielder Jack Jennings during the final

five minutes of the first half.

Monson's three third quarter goals were by eighth grade attack Domanic Fleming, Joe Angelica, and DiSanti. They also added one more goal during the fourth stanza.

The Pioneers final two goals of the match were scored by senior attack Ryan Caron and Ferus.

Pathfinder junior goalie Andrew Hurst made 13 saves.

Host families sought for Blue Sox players

HOLYOKE – One of the most frequently asked questions we receive here at the Blue Sox front office is ‘where do your players live?’ The answer is **host families**. Host families ‘adopt’ a player during the summer – and in the process form lifelong friendships and bonds with the players. Not only do you get to follow ‘your boys’ through a season of Blue Sox baseball – but you get to stay in touch with them as they chase their dream of becoming a Major League Baseball player.

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The Lady Indians held a slim 2-1 lead after the first inning of last Thursday’s game before exploding for 11 runs in the top of the second inning.

After scoring three more runs in the top of the fourth inning, Ware held a 17-5 advantage.

Had the Lady Indians been able to keep the Lady Panthers from scoring anymore runs, the game would’ve ended after the fifth inning because of the 12-run mercy rule.

er, Palmer didn’t quit, as they scored a total of 16 runs over the final four innings.

The Lady Panthers scored two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. They added four more runs in both the fifth and sixth innings before scoring six more times in their final at-bats.

“Even though we were trailing, we just kept battling back,” Korzec said. “We just kept getting base hits against their pitcher. Had we played a little bit better defensively, we probably would’ve been able to take the lead.”

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Hicks gets assist in Pioneers draw

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Connor Hicks, of Monson, assisted on the Pioneers only goal against the Phantoms with 10 minutes remaining in regulation tying the score at 1-1. It wound up being the final score of last Friday night's home match.

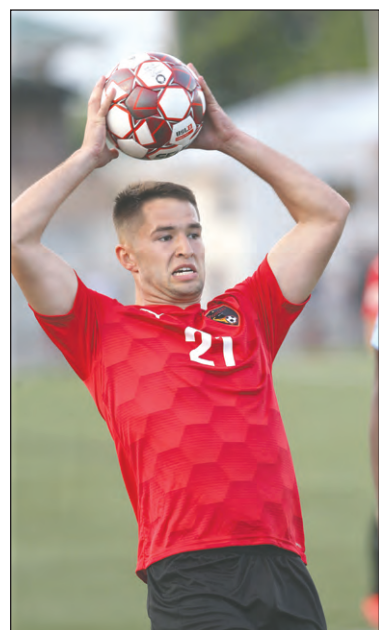
"I've been playing soccer for this team for two years and it felt very nice to be a starter in front of the home fans for the first time," said Hicks following the match. "It was a hard-fought battle tonight, and it was a good game for our fans to watch."

Hicks, who's also a member of the AIC men's soccer team, was one of the Pioneers starting defenders, along with Nicholas Obrrauch, who's from Rome, Italy, Carlos Emery, who's from Paysandu, Uruguay, and Federico Gutierrez, who's from Montevideo, Uruguay. Guillermo Deal and Maxi Viera, who's the Pioneers captain, are also from Montevideo, Uruguay.

"I'm the only defender who doesn't speak Spanish which makes it a little bit difficult at times back there," Hicks said. "I'm learning a lot from those guys and it's a lot of fun playing soccer with them."

Hicks had his own rooting section at last Friday's match.

"My family have been my biggest supporters since I began playing soccer 19 years ago. They



Connor Hicks takes a throw-in.



Patrick Agyemang dekes as he dribbles up the field.

haven't missed very many of my games. The atmosphere at the stadium is always very special. Everyone enjoys coming here and they always have a good time."

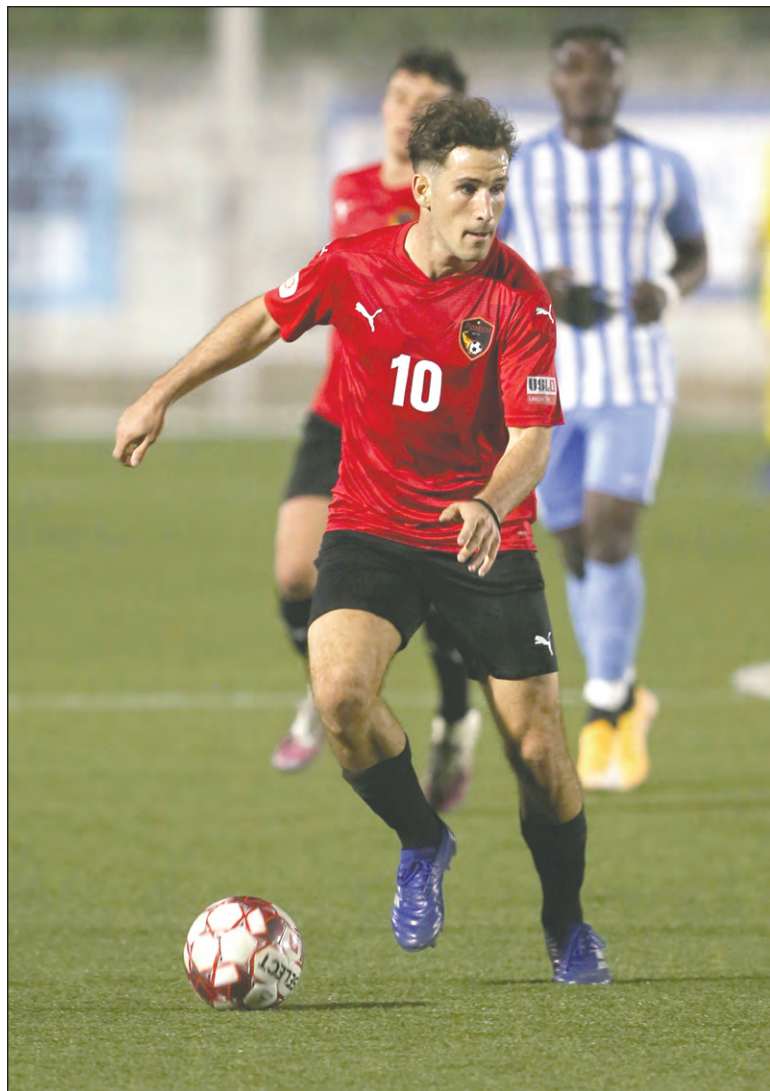
Hicks, who graduated from Monson High School in 2017, was a five-year member of the boys varsity soccer team. He helped the Mustangs win back-to-back Division 4 state championship titles in 2015 and 2016. Hicks, who was the hero of the 2016 state finals against Cohasset, scored a total of 32 goals during the final two seasons of his varsity career. He has scored a handful of goals at AIC where he's a midfielder.

"I normally play on the right



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Carlos Emery socks a free kick up the field.



Guillermo Deal looks at an open teammate while continuing to dribble.

wing at AIC," Hicks said. "I've started at right back in the last two matches for the Pioneers. I'm used to playing on that side of the field and I'll play any position that coach (Federico) Molinari wants me to play. I really enjoy being a member of this soccer team."

Molinari appreciates Hicks's dedication, and he earned his starting position.

"Even though he didn't get very much playing time last season (2019), Conner didn't miss any practices," Molinari said. "He's been working very hard so far this season and deserves to be one of the starters. He has really improved a lot."

Hicks made his first career start on May 15 in the Pioneers 1-0 shutout win at FC Malaga City, which is a new USL League Two club this season from Lagrangeville, New York.

The Pioneers had a 1-1-1 overall record following the home opener. They lost to the Boston Bolts in another road match in the season opener.

During the 30th minute of last Friday's home opener, it looked like Seacoast would be taking a 1-0 lead Mullen made an outstanding diving save on the low shot attempt by Frantz Pierrot and managed to deflect the ball away. Mullen was credited with a total of four saves.

The Pioneers had a couple of chances late in the half, but the contest was still scoreless at the

break.

The Phantoms, who arrived in Ludlow with a 2-0-0 season record, took a 1-0 lead following a free kick during the 69th minute. The free kick was taken from the right sideline by Jamie Davis and the ball sailed to the far post where Maxwell Murray booted it into the right corner of the goal.

A little more than ten minutes later, Hicks sent a pass into the box where Patrick Agyemang knocked it into the right corner of the goal tying the score.

"I crossed the ball into the box to Pat and he finished off the play by scoring a goal," Hicks said. "It was actually my first career point as a member of the Pioneers."

Agyemang, who's from East Hartford, Connecticut, entered the match during the 73rd minute.

It was his first goal of the season. Ignacio Lerech, who's from Tucuman, Argentina, netted the Pioneers goal late in the second half against FC Malaga City.

With a little more than five minutes remaining, a shot attempt by Gabriel Ganzer, who's a first-year Pioneers player from Taquarucu do Sul, Brazil was saved by Seacoast goalie Christian Garner.

The Pioneers are scheduled to play two more road matches against AC Connecticut (May 26) and Seacoast United (May 29) before returning to the friendly confines of Lusitano Stadium on June 4 to face FC Malaga City.

All-Star Paul Pierce, the first Black NBA head coach Bill Russell, two-time NCAA national champion Villanova coach Jay Wright, seven-time WNBA All-Star and two-time Olympic gold medalist Yolanda Griffith, and seven-time WNBA All-Star and three-time WNBA Most Valuable Player Lauren Jackson.

Distinguished committees focused on preserving all areas from the game also selected seven enshrines for the Class of 2021: Val Ackerman, Cotton Fitzsimmons and Howard Garfinkel from the Contributor Committee, Clarence "Fats" Jenkins

from the Early African American Pioneers Committee, Toni Kukoc from the International Committee, Bob Dandridge from the Veterans Committee and Pearl Moore from the Women's Veterans Committee.

Enshrinement Weekend will begin at Mohegan Sun on Friday, Sept. 10 with the Enshrinement Tip-Off Celebration and Awards Gala. The Class of 2021 and over 50 returning Hall of Famers will then journey to Springfield, Mass. for the annual celebratory events taking place at the newly renovated Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and

Springfield's MassMutual Center on Sept. 11.

For further information on VIP Experience Packages, single event tickets, and Enshrinement Weekend details, visit www.hoophall.com/Enshrinement. As the health and safety of Hall of Famers, fans and staff is of the utmost importance, the Basketball Hall of Fame is monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely and will provide appropriate health and safety measures for all events. Further details about the Class of 2021 schedule of events will be announced at a later date.

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The Palmer Police Department responded to 356 calls and made six arrests or summons for arrests May 18-24. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:

Saturday, May 22

Lynn A. Izyk, 49, of 4014 School St. Apt. D, Thorndike, was 4:57 p.m., on School Street in Thorndike, on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle and operating under the influence of liquor (second offense).

Sunday, May 23

Matthew W. Smith, 34, of 117 Phoenix Ter., Springfield, was arrested at 3:02 a.m., on North Main Street in Palmer, on charges of operating under the influence of liquor and possession of a Class B drug.

Monday, May 24

Nathan Robert James Bar-koskie, 22, of 16 Governor Fairbanks Rd., Brimfield, was arrested at 1:21 p.m., on Palmer Road in Thorndike, on charges of operating a motor vehicle after license or right to suspended or resisting arrest.

MONSON POLICE DEPT.

The Monson Police Department made three arrests or summons for arrests May 16-22. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:

Saturday, May 22

Jenna C. Day, 35, of 41 Washington St., Apt. 1/2, Monson, was arrested at 10:55 a.m., on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license of operating under the influence and having no inspection sticker.

Fire Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to 10 calls May 19 – May 24:

On Wednesday, May 19, at 1:41 p.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning on Flynt Street. The department returned to service at 2:10 p.m.

On Thursday, May 20, at 2:05 p.m., the department responded to a brush fire on Warren Fire Department. The department returned to service at 5:57 p.m.

On Thursday, May 20, at 11:53 p.m., the department responded to a medical assistance request on Pleasant Street. The department returned to service at 9:00 a.m.

On Friday, May 21, at 8:45 a.m., the department provided station coverage to the Warren Fire Department at 8:45 a.m. The department returned to service at 1:10 p.m.

On Saturday, May 22, at 10:18 a.m., the department responded to a medical assistance request on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 10:52 a.m.

On Saturday, May 22, at 11:57 a.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle fire on the Mass Pike. The department returned to service at 1:30 p.m.

On Sunday, May 23, at 2:05 p.m., the department responded to a medical assistance request on Thorndike Street. The department returned to service at 2:19 p.m.

On Monday, May 24, at 5:48 a.m., the department responded to a structure fire on Maple Street in Bondsville. The department returned to service at 11:19 a.m.

On Monday, May 24, at 3:07 p.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on High Street in Thorndike. The department returned to service at 3:32 p.m.

On Monday, May 24, at 5:47 p.m., the department provided station coverage to the Ware Fire Department. The department returned to service at 7:00 p.m.

THREE RIVERS

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to eight calls May 19 – 24:

On Wednesday, May 19, at 2:08 p.m., the department responded to a mutual aid request from the Belchertown Fire Department for a brush fire. The response was cancelled at 2:13 p.m.

On Thursday, May 20, at 11:55 a.m., the department responded to a public assistance request at the fire department headquarters. The department returned to service at 11:57 a.m.

On Friday, May 21, at 12:51 p.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Anderson Street. The department returned to service at 9:01 p.m.

On Saturday, May 22, at 8:10 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident on Front Street. The department returned to service at 9:01 p.m.

On Monday, May 24, at 5:47 a.m., the department responded to a mutual aid request to the Bondsville Fire Department for a structural fire. The department returned to service at 11:46 a.m.

On Monday, May 24, at 8:14 a.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Sykes Street. The department returned to service at 8:40 a.m.

BONDSDVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to one two calls May 18- 24:

On Thursday, May 20, at 2:39 p.m., the department responded to a call requesting mutual aid in the town of Warren for station coverage. E32 was redirected to Boston Post Road for an out-of-control brush fire. The department returned to service at 5:28 p.m.

On Saturday, May 22, at 9:42 p.m., the department investigated a water leak on Main Street. The

department returned to service at 10:07 p.m.

On Saturday, May 22, at 11:10 p.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Main Street. The department returned to service at 11:25 p.m.

On Monday, May 24, at 5:44 a.m., the department responded to a structure fire on Maple Street. The department returned to service at 12:35 p.m.

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to seven fire calls and 21 EMS calls May 17-23:

On Monday, May 17, at 4:15 p.m., the department responded to a public assistance request on State Street. The department returned to service at 4:27 p.m.

On Monday, May 17, at 7:53 p.m., the department responded to carbon monoxide alarm activations on Margaret Drive. The department returned to service at 8:34 p.m.

On Thursday, May 20, at 4:06 a.m., the department responded to a public assist request on Bridge Street. The department returned to service at 4:39 p.m.

On Friday, May 21, at 7:44 a.m., the department responded to a public assistance request on Lower Hampden Road. The department returned to service at 8:08 a.m.

On Friday, May 21, at 11:48 a.m., the department responded to a public assistance request on Washington Street. The department returned to service at 11:56 a.m.

On Friday, May 21, at 10:06 a.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide alarm on Washington Street. The department returned to service at 10:30 a.m.

On Saturday, May 22, at 9:20 p.m., the department responded to a single car motor vehicle accident on Wilbraham Road. The department returned to service at 9:59 p.m.

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2021 Hall ceremony returns to Western Mass.

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame has revealed the Class of 2021 which will be celebrated and enshrined in Springfield, Mass. – the birthplace of basketball – this September. The ceremony returns to Springfield on September 11, after a one-year relocation to Mohegan Sun for ample physical distancing due to the global pandemic.

The Class of 2021 includes ninth-winningest coach in NBA history Rick Adelman, two-time NBA champion and 11-time NBA All-Star Chris Bosh, NBA Finals MVP and 10-time NBA

All-Star Paul Pierce, the first Black NBA head coach Bill Russell, two-time NCAA national champion Villanova coach Jay Wright, seven-time WNBA All-Star and two-time Olympic gold medalist Yolanda Griffith, and seven-time WNBA All-Star and three-time WNBA Most Valuable Player Lauren Jackson.

Distinguished committees focused on preserving all areas from the game also selected seven enshrines for the Class of 2021: Val Ackerman, Cotton Fitzsimmons and Howard Garfinkel from the Contributor Committee, Clarence "Fats" Jenkins

from the Early African American Pioneers Committee, Toni Kukoc from the International Committee, Bob Dandridge from the Veterans Committee and Pearl Moore from the Women's Veterans Committee.

Enshrinement Weekend will begin at Mohegan Sun on Friday, Sept. 10 with the Enshrinement Tip-Off Celebration and Awards Gala. The Class of 2021 and over 50 returning Hall of Famers will then journey to Springfield, Mass. for the annual celebratory events taking place at the newly renovated Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and

Springfield's MassMutual Center on Sept. 11.

For further information on VIP Experience Packages, single event tickets, and Enshrinement Weekend details, visit www.hoophall.com/Enshrinement. As the health and safety of Hall of Famers, fans and staff is of the utmost importance, the Basketball Hall of Fame is monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely and will provide appropriate health and safety measures for all events. Further details about the Class of 2021 schedule of events will be announced at a later date.

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DEATH NOTICES

James P. Coache, 59
Died: May 20, 2021

Julian E. Szarlan, 90
Died: May 20, 2021
Funeral Services 9 a.m.
May 27 at
Lombard Funeral Home

Garry W. Gallo, 62
Died: May 18, 2021
Visiting Hours
June 4 4-6 p.m. at
Lombard Funeral Home,
Monson

The Journal Register
OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

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O B I T U A R I E S

James P. Coache, 59

PALMER — James P. Coache, 59, passed away on May 20, 2021.

A Palmer resident his entire life, Jim graduated from Pathfinder in 1979. He was employed by Kanzaki Paper for many years and proudly served for 10 years as a volunteer on the Three Rivers Fire Department.

He leaves behind his wife, Susan Coache, their daughter Lindsey Pikul and her husband Evan of Wakefield, N.H., along with three grandsons, Dylan,

Nathan and Finnegan. He also leaves behind three brothers, Michael and his wife Judy of Palmer, Tommy Coache and his wife Melissa, Jeffrey Coache, and his sister, Christine Riviere and her husband Marc all of Ga., along with sisters in law, Carol Sullivan, Patricia Hopgood and Nancy and Diane Allen.

A private graveside memo-



rial will take place at a later date at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers or donations, the family ask that you keep your loved ones near and dear.

Beers and Story Palmer Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. To sign the online condolence register, visit beersandstory.com.

Garry W. Gallo, 62

LUDLOW — Garry W. Gallo, 62, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield on May 18, 2021 after a short illness surrounded by his family.

Garry was born Feb. 11, 1959, in Springfield to the late Franklin W. Gallo and Dorothy L. Pease of Monson MA. He was a graduate of Pathfinder Regional.

Garry was a former Correctional Officer at the Hampden County Sheriff's Dept for 20 years. Before that he was a driver for Peter Pan Bus Lines and prior to that he worked at the Monson Developmental Center in Monson. Garry excelled at whatever he put his mind to. He was a bodybuilder and reached the level of 3rd Dan in Hapkido and also instructed in the discipline.

He traveled to Korea and China during training and met Masters in the art.

Garry was a self taught mechanic and could break down virtually anything, repair it and reassemble it. He had an untamed side that took him to the Appalachian Trail alone, hiking, camping and constantly testing himself against physical limits. Garry had a motorcycle since he was 16 and was a skilled rider. He laughed, challenged, helped, encouraged, grew, explored, loved, respected, charmed, admired, praised, indulged, gave and most of all shared. Shared what he had to offer any day, any time and anywhere. If you needed him he was there.



Garry leaves behind three siblings; a brother, Derek Gallo of Middlefield, and his wife Patricia; a brother, Deane Gallo of Monson and his wife Kelly; a sister, Donna Slozak of Monson and her husband David. He also leaves three

nieces, Nicole Mills of Olympia, Washington, Andrea Hall of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Molly Gallo of Monson and a nephew, Kurtis Gallo of East Falmouth.

Visiting hours will be held Friday, June 4, 2021 4-6 p.m. in Lombard Funeral Home 3 Bridge St. Monson.

For on-line condolences/directions visit lombardfuneralhome.com.

O B I T U A R I E S

Julian E. "Ed" Szarlan, 90

MONSON — Julian E. "Ed" Szarlan, 90, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by the love of family, May 20, 2021.

Ed was born in the Indian Orchard section of Springfield April 21, 1931, to the late Julian M and Cecelia (Cieplik) Szarlan. He was a graduate of Springfield Technical High School class of 1949. He served honorably in the U.S. Army from 1951-1953. Upon his discharge he pursued his career with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Hampden County. He retired in 1988 as the district manager of life insurance and securities.

Ed was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Monson. He served as a cemetery commissioner and was a voter registrar for many years. Ed was the Chairman of the Monson Housing Authority during the land purchase and completion

of Colonial Village. He was chairman of the Republican Town committee and a director of the Monson Free Library for many years. Ed enjoyed his retirement years spending time in the Florida Keys chasing bone fish in the flats and fishing the reefs for yellow tail.

His passion was, first his love of family and then his garden. He would spend the winter months planning the crops and then spring, summer and fall planting, tending and harvesting, sharing the bounty with family and friends. Ed's greatest gift was being a good friend to all who knew him.

Ed was predeceased by his beloved wife of 62 years, Yvonne A. (Gibeau) Szarlan in



2015 and their son, Edward J. Szarlan in 2017. He leaves a son, Michael E. Szarlan of Delaware; a daughter Donna M. Maher and her husband Gregory of Illinois; daughter in-law, Carolyn E. Szarlan of Mashpee; six grandsons, Mike Szarlan, Peter Szarlan, David Maher, Jim Maher, Adam Szarlan, and Ryan Szarlan and seven great grandchildren with one on-the-way.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 27 beginning at 9 a.m. at Lombard Funeral Home with Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church, burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery all Monson. For online condolences please visit lombardfuneralhome.com.

Monthly self-exams save lives: breast health important all year round

SPRINGFIELD, WESTFIELD — If a problem can't be seen, it can't be solved, and when it comes to health care, the earlier a health condition is detected, the sooner steps can be taken to treat it. Although facing fears around diseases can be challenging, early detection of breast cancer, for example, can mean a 99% five-year survival rate, according to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. That's why a plan including both breast self-exams (BSEs) and mammograms is important.

"Regular self-exams help people become more familiar with their breasts, so that subtle changes are more easily detectable, which could identify possible warning signs of cancer early on," said Patience Marks, WHNP-BC, a certified women's health nurse practitioner

at Women's Health Associates in Westfield and Springfield, "We hear a lot about breast cancer during the month of October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, but breast self-exams should be performed once a month, all year round."

Marks offers these tips for BSEs:

- Perform BSEs at the same time each month, but not during a menstrual cycle.
- Check breasts twice, both while lying down and while standing up.
- Look for any changes in size or color.
- With the inner pads of the three middle fingers, use a circular or up and down motion across each breast.
- Feel for any lumps or thick-

ening of the breast. These aren't necessarily indications of cancer but should be reported to a health care provider right away.

"BSEs are just one of the exams we recommend women have on a regular basis to improve their chances of early detection and treatment, as well as for overall health and quality of life," said Marks.

For best results in disease prevention, she noted women should have additional regular exams, including Pap smears, breast and pelvic exams, mammograms, bone density screening and STD tests.

The providers at Women's Health Associates offer annual well-woman checkups that include lifestyle and risk factor discussions, a physical exam and any necessary tests. For more information, visit WHAOB-GYN.com.

Would you like a latte with that letter?
Espresso Drinks stamps now on sale

WASHINGTON, DC — The U.S. Postal Service celebrates America's love of coffee with the issuance of four new stamps.

Whether milky, dark as night, sweetened, flavored or highly concentrated, many coffee drinks have one thing in common — they begin with espresso.

This booklet of 20 stamps features four unique designs illustrating popular espresso drinks — espresso, cappuccino, caffe latte and caffe mocha. It may be purchased at usps.com.

Capturing the inviting atmosphere of an early 20th-century café, artist Terry Allen created each digital illustration with the style of 1920s and 1930s advertising posters in mind.

The names of the espresso drinks appear in art deco-inspired lettering above or below each enticing cup.

Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamps with original artwork by Allen.

Espresso drinking in the United States is at an all-time high. With the growing popularity of artisanal coffee shops, extensive research on the roasting and brewing process, and continued innovation in machinery to make the perfect cup, specialty coffee is better than it has ever been.

When it comes to espresso, most Americans rely on a barista working at a coffeehouse to carefully craft their



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A new line of U.S. Postal Service Forever stamps pays homage to America's thirst for espresso drinks.

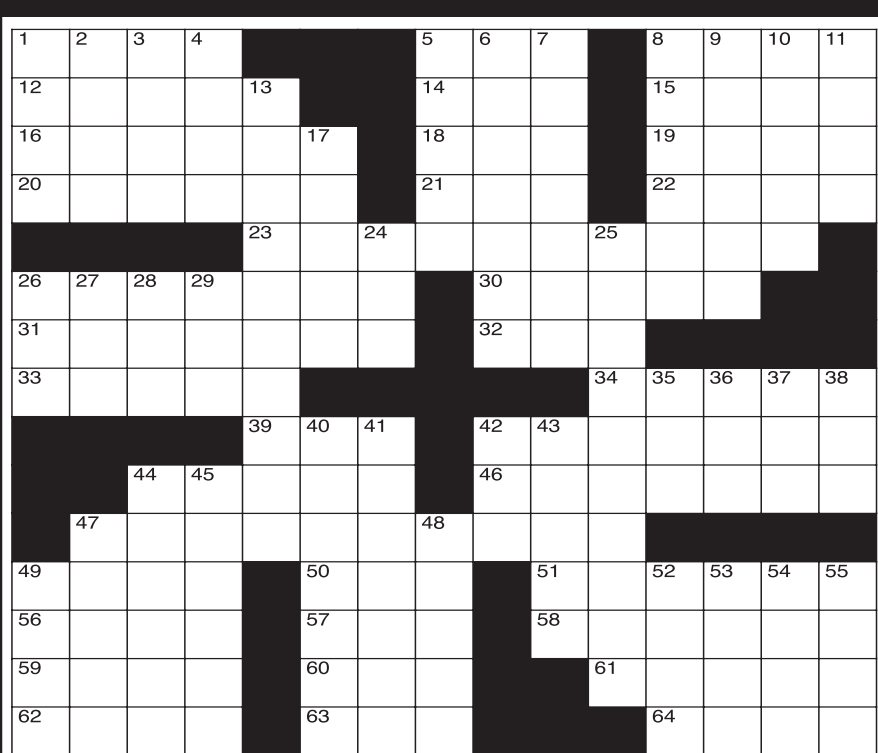
specialty drink, but at-home espresso machines are also growing in popularity. Whether a routine part of getting going in the morning or a reason to gather socially at a local café, drinking beverages made with espresso has become increasingly trendy.

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5. Of she
8. This (Spanish)
12. A type of sorcery
14. A team's best pitcher
15. Port in southern Japan
16. Makes very happy
18. Trigonometric unit of measurement
19. From a distance
20. Winged nut
21. Consumed
22. "Heat" director
23. In all places
26. Made improvements to
30. St. ___ Girl: brand of beer
31. A type of "seat"
32. Wood
33. A brief treatise on a subject of interest
34. Approval

CLUES DOWN

1. Garden tools
39. Basics
42. Where judges sit
44. W. African religion
46. Commentators
47. Having many different functions
49. Member of a Semitic people
50. Flightless, fast-running bird
51. After the seventh
56. Small N. Zealand tree
57. Health care pro (abbr.)
58. Playground mainstay
59. Expressing relief
60. Records brain activity (abbr.)
61. Fishing net
62. Beer
63. Tooth caregiver
64. Japanese beverage

CLUES DOWN

2. Early Syrian kingdom
3. 500 sheets of paper
4. Information
5. Beloved comic strip character
6. Distinct form of a plant
7. Replenishment
8. Semitransparent glassy substance
9. Expedition to observe animals
10. One who held landed granted by Anglo-Saxon king
11. Obtain in return for labor
13. Inheritable genetically
17. One who rescues
24. Doctor of Education
25. Liberal arts
26. Shock treatment
27. Disfigure
28. When you hope to get there
29. Peacock network
35. Part of (abbr.)
36. The 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
37. Not just "play"
38. Former CIA
40. Reduced to a sloping edge
41. Restricted the development of
42. Sciences degree
43. Sea eagles
44. Saturated
45. Joints
47. Sailing boat
48. Respiratory organs
49. Guitarists use them
52. Disco act: Bee ___
53. First Chinese dynasty
54. Intentionally lose
55. Muslim people of China

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 11 Saint John Street, Palmer, MA 01069

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Scott A. Beauvais and Aimee L. Beauvais to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Homeland Mortgage Company, and now held by **U.S. Bank Trust, National Association, as Trustee of American Homeowner Preservation Trust Series 2015A+**, said mortgage dated December 2, 2004 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 14686, Page 235, and affected by the Judgment recorded May 12, 2015 in Book 20699 at Page 312 of the Hampden County Registry of Deeds; said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Homeland Mortgage Company to CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment dated September 25, 2009 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 18018, Page 356; said mortgage was assigned from CitiMortgage, Inc. to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A by assignment dated August 16, 2017 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 21814, Page 315; said mortgage was assigned from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee for Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A to Granite Investment Group by assignment dated June 19, 2017 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 21940, Page 535; said mortgage was assigned from Granite Investment Group to U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of American Homeowner Preservation Trust Series 2015A+ by assignment dated October 16, 2017 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 21940, Page 581; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on **June 11, 2021 at 01:00 PM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

LOT A

A certain lot or parcel of land located on the easterly side of St. John Street in Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, said lot or parcel being known and designated as Parcel 3 as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Thorndike, Palmer, Mass. Surveyed for John Lizak, dated September 10, 1985", recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 231, Page 27, said lot or parcel being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin on the easterly sideline of St. John Street, Thence running along a curve to the right along an old fence at the easterly sideline of St. John Street, 201 feet, more or less, to an iron pin;

Thence turning and running s. 70° 13' 30" e., 148.10 feet along lot B as shown on said plan to an iron pin;

Thence turning and running s. 12° 50' 30" w., 200.20 feet along last-named land to an iron pin;

Thence turning and running n. 70° 13' 30" w., 150.00 feet along parcel 1 as shown on said plan to an iron pin, the point of beginning.

Being the same Property which Vernon S. Keith and Barbara A. Keith granted and conveyed unto Scott A. Beauvais and Aimee L. Beauvais, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, by deed dated May 9, 2003 and recorded May 12, 2003 in the recorder's office of Hampden County, MA in Book 13181 Page 404 Document 94837.

PARCEL 1

A certain lot or parcel of land located on the easterly side of St. John Street in Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, said lot or parcel being known and designated as Parcel 1, as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Thorndike, Palmer, Mass. Surveyed for John Lizak, dated September 10, 1985", recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 231, Page 27.

PARCEL 3

A certain lot or parcel of land located on the easterly side of St. John Street in Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, said lot or parcel being known and designated as Parcel 3 as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Thorndike, Palmer, Mass. Surveyed for John Lizak, dated September 10, 1985", recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 231, Page 27.

ly side of St. John Street in Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts, said lot or parcel being known and designated as Parcel 3 as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Thorndike, Palmer, Mass. Surveyed for John Lizak, dated September 10, 1985", recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 231, Page 27.

Total area containing 36,787 square feet of land, more or less, according to said plan.

Subject to utility easement as shown on said Plan.

Tax parcel ID: 2719

The description of the property contained in the mortgage as affected by the judgment recorded in Book 20699 at Page 312 of the Hampden County Registry of Deeds shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated May 9, 2003 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 13181, Page 404.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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Attorney for U.S. Bank Trust, National Association, as Trustee of American Homeowner Preservation Trust Series 2015A+

Present Holder of the Mortgage

401-217-8701

05/13, 05/20, 05/27/2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 45 Jim Ash Road, Palmer, MA 01069

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Susan J. Bryant to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., and now held by **The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as Trustee for Registered Holders of CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-23**, said mortgage dated October 7, 2006 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16260, Page 435, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. to The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York as Trustee for Registered Holders of CWABS, Inc., Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2006-23 by assignment dated September 19, 2019 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 22861, Page 176; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on June 11, 2021 at 02:00 PM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD21D0393DR Amanda D Fontaine vs. Sean M Fontaine

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for **IRRETREIVABLE BREAKDOWN**.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Amanda D Fontaine 40 Stafford Hollow Rd. Monson, MA 01057

your answer, if any, on or before **08/17/2021**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action.

You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

Rosemary A. Saccomani Register of Probate

05/27/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD11P1015PM

In the matter of: Joseph E Krzyminski Of: Monson, MA Protected Person/Disabled Person/Respondent CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the

ly of Sumner R. Chapin, et ux, 238.70 feet to a pipe on the easterly side of Jim Ashe Road; thence

SOUTH 31 degrees E. along the easterly side of Jim Ashe Road, 200 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Containing approximately one and one-tenth acres.

Being the same premises conveyed to Susan J. Bryant by deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 10264, Page 74.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated April 23, 1998 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 10264, Page 74.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

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401-217-8701

05/13, 05/20, 05/27/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD21D0393DR Amanda D Fontaine vs. Sean M Fontaine

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

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You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Amanda D Fontaine 40 Stafford Hollow Rd. Monson, MA 01057

your answer, if any, on or before **08/17/2021**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action.

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

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In the matter of: Joseph E Krzyminski Of: Monson, MA Protected Person/Disabled Person/Respondent CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the

Probate & Family Court, that the **Thirty-nine** account(s) of Karen Peret of Holland, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before **10:00 A.M. on the return date of 06/03/2021**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

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Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Trust, Series INABS 2006-C under pooling and servicing agreement dated June 1, 2006 to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of the Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Trust Series INABS 2006-C, Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series INABS 2006-C under Pooling and Servicing agreement dated June 1, 2006 dated April 24, 2013 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 19803, Page 281, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 3030 Main Street, Bondsville (Palmer), MA 01009 will be sold at a Public Auction at **12:00 PM on June 23, 2021**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land, with buildings thereon situate in the village of Bondsville in said Palmer, known and designated as Lot No. 13 (thirteen) on a plan of land in said Bondsville owned by Bondsville, Realty, Inc. Dated December 5, 1942, duly recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 21 Page 100, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning as a stone bound in the westerly side line of Main Street at the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Anna Leach, thence running

S. 88 51' W. Along said land now or formerly of Anna Leach seventy (70) feet to a point; thence running

NORTHEASTERLY along a bank and along land now or formerly of the Bondsville Realty, Inc., one hundred sixty-eight (168) feet to a point; thence running

S. 81 09" E. Along last named land thirty-six (36) feet to a point in the Westerly line of Main Street; thence running

S. 8 51" W. Along the westerly line of Main Street; (50) feet to a stone bound; thence running

S 16" 30" W. Along said westerly side line of Main Street ninety-nine and 93/100 (99.93) feet, to the point of beginning, said lot containing 7,7000 square feet, more or less.

TOGETHER with and SUBJECT to pipe and drainage rights of record insofar as the same may be in force and applicable.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15819, Page 235.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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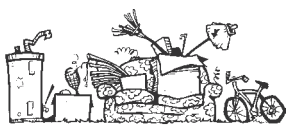
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2021-'22 school year and beyond?

Morgan: In preparation for the 2021-2022 school year the Monson school committee should be focused on discussing options and preparing support for students and teachers to bridge the gaps in education. This might be considered a Covid related issue, however, I believe it has been an important issue that was only exacerbated by Covid and needs to be addressed immediately. Students who are behind academic grade levels do not always qualify for special education services because they do not have a disability. These students receive tiered support through general education to close the educational gap between themselves and their peers. Acknowledging the reality that remote learning was not a replacement for in person learning for most students, the number of students requiring tired interventions through general education will significantly increase going forward. Our teachers and students will need a plan, and most likely additional support to catch students up in their educational framework. The state educational standards will not change. Therefore, more now than ever, our general education supports will need to close these gaps for our students to be prepared for next year's curriculum and beyond.

Q: If you were able to unilaterally change any school policies or practices, what would that be?

Morgan: If I could change any school policy it would be the cafeteria meal charging policy. I believe school lunches should be free to ensure all students can have access to lunch and breakfast at school if needed. Nutrition and food intake is such an important part of a student's readiness and availability for learning. Families that may not qualify for state funded free or reduced lunch (or do not want to apply) may not be able to afford to pay for school meals due to other financial constraints which may not be considered for program qualification. This can cause students to go to school without breakfast or with a lunch from home that does not contain enough calories or variety to appropriately fuel their bodies. Limited food intake can affect a student's attention, focus, alertness, and overall effort in the classroom. This is one basic need that all children should have but not all are obtaining for so many reasons. We should not let this barrier prevent any student from a successful day of learning.

Q: During the pandemic, public school systems everywhere have become a flashpoint for political disagreements. What ideas do you have to help unite the education community and put the focus back on learning?

Morgan: Our school district needs to focus on the students, and the adults that are driving decisions need to put their political views aside in order to do this. Stakeholders need to take a step back and look at the fundamentals of learning. This should include student learning levels, gaps in performance standards, and how we can support the greatest needs for the most students. Education should not be driven by personal political beliefs. Education should be driven by research, evidenced based practices, and data collected by our teachers on effective teaching and student performance. If data indicates a need, that should drive the discussions, not what a political party thinks our educational systems should include. If we as a school community focus on student needs, we can effectively collaborate. When differences in opinions come up, if decisions are based on what is best for all our students, we will unite in the best interest of the educational community.

Q: What book(s) are you reading now, or last book read?

Morgan: When I am looking for a good read to decompress I turn towards historical fiction. I love learning about the world and its history. The last book I read was "Origin" by Dan Brown. These books have helped me create a wish list of places to travel in the future. "The Davinci Code" was the first historical fiction book I read, and I can't wait to trace the steps of Robert Landon through all the landmarks in the story starting with France and Scotland.

Talk about yourself

Please use this space to tell readers/voters more about you as a person.

Morgan: I grew up in Palmer, and being close to Monson I had the opportunity to participate in much that Monson had to offer. One of my favorite memories as a child is spending time with my family enjoying the 4th of July festivities in Monson. My husband Bob and I met while I was in graduate school. He loved adventure and so I went along for the ride. He took me skydiving, we traveled to Bolivia to visit a friend, and we visited many popular cities across the U.S. After we were married, Bob and I moved to Monson to start our family in this great community. We have two amazing children who attend Granite Valley School, and two animated boxers.

My husband and I love spending time with our family out on the water where we wakesurf, tube, fish, and relax in the sun. We love being outdoors where you might find us hiking, playing sports, or having fun playing with our mud loving dogs. We love watching our kids play sports and cheering on their teams at every event. I love my job working with and advocating for the students and families in the district I work. However, I make sure to balance work and enjoy my free time having fun with family and friends.

I love to travel and have a goal of visiting as many national parks as possible in my lifetime. I have loved making connections and meeting new families in town where my children and our family have made some amazing friends. We enjoy participating in events and supporting the town in any way possible. I love this community and know that I can use my passion and knowledge in education to advocate for the students of this town. I will listen to and represent the families of this community if I am elected as a member of the school committee.

GRAVES-HARRISON | from page 1

of the School Committee. What are you most proud of during this time? Conversely, if there was an opportunity for a do-over, what would you have done differently?

Graves-Harrison: Throughout the pandemic and every day I listen to the community and bring various perspectives to the table. Regardless of the outcome your views and needs were always a priority. The goal was to ensure the safety of our community, our students and our staff returning to school as quickly as possible. As a committee we are charged with making decisions based on facts and evidence. The facts and evidence were constantly changing as well as the state mandates. The committee met weekly to address the ever changing demands.

It is very hard to ask what I would have done differently due to the fact that I serve on a committee. Each decision or action taken is done collectively as a team, and we all know there is no "I" in team. I am proud of all the time and effort we put into this, the thoughtful discussions and decisions we faced. We always wanted our community to have safe choices and that our children are back and safe including our high school students before the state mandate of their return.

Q: If you were able to unilaterally change any school policies or practices, what would that be?

Graves-Harrison: I am currently serving on the policy subcommittee and we are meeting new mandates and recommendations provided by the state and also cleaning up some of the old policies based on their recommendations. Regarding NEW ones..I would want to hear from the community..what do you want? Why? and then together we can work towards the betterment of our district.

Q: During the pandemic, public school systems everywhere have become a flashpoint for political disagreements. What ideas do you have to help unite the education community and put the focus back on learning?

Graves-Harrison: This is quite simple, there is no place for political disagreements in our education system. Our number one priority has and will always be to educate our students, foster independent thinking, learn all sides of the situation being taught and yes we need and do teach government. How our government works, and its structure. This I feel is so important for our students to be successful contributing members of our society as they come of age.

Q: What book(s) are you reading now, or last book read?

Graves-Harrison: James Patterson: "Unlucky 13"

Talk about yourself

Please use this space to tell readers/voters more about you as a person.

Graves-Harrison: As a lifelong resident of Monson, I am proud to say that not only have I chosen to remain in town, I have chosen to raise my two daughters in Monson and in our public school system. I grew up here in Monson with my mother and father and I have an older brother. My father was a lifelong advocate and community leader for the Deaf, as he was Deaf himself. During my childhood I accompanied my father to countless board meetings, advocacy group events, law and statue meetings and a multitude of other Deaf community events. This part of my childhood shaped the rest of my life.

Following in my father's footsteps I began my career working at the Mass State Association of the Deaf and at the American School for the Deaf. I began learning of the various resources and equipment for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I started off working with Deaf children who had special needs or social emotional needs, by creating and implementing IEP/504 programs specifically tailored to each student's personal needs to allow them to be successful within their educational endeavors.

From that position I accepted a role within the Springfield Public Schools System, where I worked as a bilingual special education teacher in their Life Skills program. During my time with the Springfield Public Schools, I realized where my true ambition and passion fell, and I made the move to the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I realized the Deaf community had the need for systematic advocacy across the board; ranging from housing issues, to job finding kills, to employment, education opportunities all the way through court filings.

I had found my place in the world, and it was helping others within a community that I grew up with and in! I was able to become part of an amazing organization that allowed me to use my voice for a greater good, which is also what I have done here in Monson on the School Committee. Over the course of my life I have prided myself on being a team player, someone who others can trust, someone who not only listens and has a discussion about people's needs and wants, but also as someone who follow through with any plans, promises or actions that I have said I would do, and all of this is possible because I know I am a dependable and honest person.

Growing up in our small town I fell in love with our community. Monson is a town that no matter what side of life you come from, what our background is, or what your current life situation is, we ALWAYS pull together to help each other. These two reasons are why I chose to raise my two daughters in town, the people and the sense of community we all have here. Both of my daughters attend Monson Public Schools, they are involved in an array of town sports programs, and both of them carry a heavy send of Monson Pride.

My girls have learned the importance of being involved in community service and helping others by watching how the citizens in Monson come together and treat each other with kindness and respect, and I would not want them anywhere else because of that! I feel that it is important for my girls to grow up in a town that they love, a town that I love and a town that the rest of the residents love. Because of that pride that has been instilled in them since birth, I am very proud of their love for this community at such a young age.

I always have been and always will be someone that anyone can talk to about an issue and I will always do my best for the town and the individual. I love this town, I love the community and I love the school system, and I am honored to be a voice for those who feel as though they do not have one.

BAILEY | from page 1

paring for the 2021-'22 school year and beyond?

Bailey: I would like to see further focus on the socio-emotional needs of the students in our district. There is much more than just learning about the assigned curriculum that happens while in school, no matter the age.

Q: If you were able to unilaterally change any school policies or practices, what would that be?

Bailey: One area I would like to look more into is the structure for Personal Development and trainings opportunities the teacher and staff receive. It may be beneficial to have trainings that also allow student ambassadors to also attend that allow sharing of topics and experiences. The district currently works actively to provide desired trainings which is important for staff involvement and having check-ins for those topics can only further encourage continued learning and implementation. Overall, I feel that a practice or policy worth looking at comes second to the ones that the staff and community members are acknowledging. My main priority is to connect with those that want to be heard and explore the policies/procedures further as they arise.

Q: During the pandemic, public school systems everywhere have become a flashpoint for political disagreements. What ideas do you have to help unite the education community and put the focus back on learning?

Bailey: I believe that there has been an ongoing shift and divide happening long before the pandemic concerns shed light to it. Society is ever evolving and a shift in focus in the school can, as uncomfortable as it may be, have positive aspects to it as well. I do feel that learning should be the main priority but that is difficult to encourage if ears, hearts, and minds are not presently connected as well. It is important to ensure that everyone involved in the school community that chooses to have their voice heard be given a respectful and supportive opportunity in doing that. I believe that shifting the focus back to learning will be easier when individuals feels that the goals for learning, at their core, do truly align even if it is presented differently.

Q: What book(s) are you reading now, or last book read?

Bailey: I am currently reading "The Art of Psychic Reiki - Developing Your Intuitive and Empathic abilities for Energy Healing."

Talk about yourself

Please use this space to tell readers/voters more about you as a person.

Bailey: Hi readers! My name is Gennie Bailey and I am a semi-Monsonite native along with my husband Justin Bailey and two sons ages 6 years and 2 years. I lived in Monson until 2nd grade when we then moved to Texas for two years and then moved to California for 5 years. My high school in California consisted of around 4,000 students from the area and following a major riot/lock down my family decided to plant our roots again back in Monson around family, friends, and a close-knit school system. Following graduating from high school I decided to move back to California for a period of time but ultimately landed back in Massachusetts to be closer to family.

Part of who I am today has been greatly impacted by the opportunity to live in several different parts of the country and gained experiences both academically and emotionally that I would not have gotten otherwise, which I am very grateful for. It has been a humbling experience to see different dynamics across the country including the educational approach and topics focused on varying from state to state. I continued on to become a Licensed Mental Health Clinician working in settings such as campus residential settings, non-profit agencies doing In Home Therapy, and now currently doing individual therapy primarily focused on trauma work.

I thoroughly love what I do and I am very grateful every day for the opportunity to do what I do. When I am not working, my time is often spent with my family and staying busy. It has been such an exciting time to finally be able to sit on the sidelines of my son's sports practices and watch them have a blast or even picking grass knowing they get to live a while longer with such wonder and ease for excitement. We are currently building a home in Monson so my family has been actively involved in every step of this process from having my 5 year old help my husband dig the yard or my 2 year old that loves to vacuum almost everything there.

Seeing my family plant roots here is a wonderful sight for my soul and knowing that I could have a role on the School Committee and further help pave a positive learning environment for my children both academically and emotionally is a strong passion of mine. I'm a chatter so please feel free to stop and say "HI" if you run into me at any of our towns events!

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believe making sure that the children have additional resources at their disposal will be important. This has been a difficult school year and it will be important for them to have extra help, not only with academics but with social emotional learning as well.

Q: If you were able to unilaterally change any school policies or practices, what would that be?

Watts: I am honestly content with the policies of Monson Schools.

Q: During the pandemic, public school systems everywhere have become a flashpoint for political disagreements. What ideas do you have to help unite the education community and put the focus back on learning?

Watts: In my opinion we never lost focus on learning. We had to change how we learned. People in general struggle with change and sadly their different ideas about how to learn became the flashpoint. People wanted schools open, some people preferred remote learning. Ultimately we all need to remember it's about the children. If we all remember that, the community will always be united.

Q: What book(s) are you reading now, or last book read?

Watts: "Surviving parental alienation: a journey of hope and healing" by Amy Baker and Paul Fine.

Talk about yourself Please use this space to tell readers/voters more about you as a person.

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ly, if there was an opportunity for a do-over, what would you have done differently?

Lord: This past year has been quite a challenge, one that none of us could have possibly been ready for. It was definitely one of those times when you wish that life came with an instruction book so you could turn to page 433 to read how best to handle the education of our children during a global pandemic. Information constantly was inconsistent and evolving every day and the guidance we received from DESE was accepted only with a significant amount of healthy skepticism. I was so very impressed by the school committee as they balanced the need to educate our children and used prudence, insight, and information to formulate a game plan on how to move forward. In addition, the committee charged our superintendent with conveying information to students, parents and staff and we met weekly to stay on top of the constantly changing landscape of the COVID virus.

Our meetings were discussive and deliberative and I was very impressed with how successful the committee operated during the entire year. I felt honored to lead such a bright and caring group of people and in retrospect, I could not think of anything we might have done differently as we are emerging from this pandemic with no loss of life from anyone involved in our schools. While that sounds perhaps dramatic the safety of our children was indeed our number one priority.

Q: If you were able to unilaterally change any school policies or practices, what would that be?

Lord: I would not unilaterally change any policies or practices as the role of the school committee is to set policies as a group and guide how they are put in place.

Q: During the pandemic, public school systems everywhere have become a flashpoint for political disagreements. What ideas do you have to help unite the education community and put the focus back on learning?

Lord: I think that now that our kids are back in school, our job is to educate them and try to offset deficiencies as a result of the extended remote learning. The settlement of political disagreements is really not the job of the school committee as there will always be disagreements. Disagreements will ebb and flow as time goes on and really have no place when it comes to our responsibility to teach our children.

Q: What book(s) are you reading now, or last book read?

Lord: "Endurance." It's about Ernest Shackleton's voyage to South Pole.

Talk about yourself

Please use this space to tell readers/voters more about you as a person.

Lord: Every night I kiss my sons goodnight and I whisper in their ears "Make the world a better place." This is why I am on the school committee. All of us have a responsibility to do what we can do, no matter how great or how small to also make our world a better place. One of the ways I set that example to my sons is to help make the Monson Schools the very best they can be.

About 12 or 13 years ago, our community had a school committee with very little credibility, efficacy or cohesiveness with other town boards. I joined the School Committee with the sole reason to help restore the credibility of our committee and that I have indeed done that by mentoring new members and by establishing solid ties to our other town departments. Most importantly, I helped make the biggest change by ending the cycle of constantly replaced superintendents and installed Dr. Clarke who, with the help and support of the school committee, has indeed made our schools as great as they are now.

When I first joined the committee, I had no idea that one day I would have children. Our decision was to enroll Blake and Will in the Monson Schools because I believe in our schools and I believe in our staff and our superintendent and I believe that the committee members honored to oversee this incredible community resources will continue to make sure that "MONSON SCHOOLS ROCK!!!"

Watts: My name is Jackie Watts Jr. I was born and raised in Springfield. I moved to Monson in 2008. I live with my wife and daughters. I'm a very simple and routine person. I wake up, go to work come home and hang out with the family. I love to cook (especially BBQ) and create new meals. Two daughters have graduated from Monson Schools, and our youngest is finishing 6th grade. My wife has worked as a teacher and administrator for Monson schools for almost 20 years. Being a part of the school committee has been a great experience. I think it's important to have an open mind and voice your opinion. Decisions have not been easy but they have always been for what's best.

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